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Melvyn Bagnall
EDITOR

MEET THE BEST TEAM IN FOOTBALL!



Steve Coppell of Manchester United and England — still the most popular player with the Old Trafford fans.



Paul Mariner of Ipswich and England — the Portman Road favourite welcomes you into his football world for another season. Read him on Page 39.



David Cross — stay on the ball with the former West Ham favourite in his first season with Manchester City.

'MY GEORDIE PRIDE'

ENGLAND'S best-loved player tells Match Weekly the inside story on the transfer sensation that rocked football.

BY KEVIN KEEGAN

MY TRANSFER to Newcastle United could be the move that keeps me in England for more than another season.

As I revealed exclusively in my last Match Weekly column I was pretty well resigned to going abroad in a year's time.

I had just returned from the World Cup and I have to admit I was at a low ebb. Missing England's games in Spain hit me

harder than most people will ever know.

I needed a new challenge and I felt that playing in another country could provide it. I fancied France and I had the chance to play for a French club.

Germany, America and even Japan were very real possibilities.

But now I have found that challenge much closer to home — in the shape of the famous black and white striped shirt of Newcastle United.

The club and the people have made it very clear that they want me here and that gives me great pride.

Already my yearning to try my luck abroad for the second time in my career is waning. I have come under the spell of the passion that is unique to North East football and if I am successful at St James' Park I would be happy to end my days here.

By successful, I mean winning promotion to the First Division this season — nothing less! I know we have a real chance of doing just that. Otherwise I would not have come here.

The crowd alone are worth two goals at home and one away. They're fantastic and I just can't wait to play for them against QPR on Saturday.

Playing in front of the Liverpool fans was an incredible experience but perhaps this is the only place in the world where that could be bettered!

Tyneside is a sleeping giant in football terms. The area has been deprived of success for years, but if Newcastle can change that then there is no end to the potential here.

I know my move from

Southampton happened very quickly and a lot of people were taken by surprise. I shook hands on the transfer within half an hour of meeting manager Arthur Cox and club chairman Stan Seymour.

But there hasn't been a moment since I signed when I have entertained any second thoughts. There were no panic decisions. Everything felt right about the club and the people involved. The sick feeling that I brought back from Spain was suddenly replaced with the same excitement I felt when I went from Scunthorpe to Liverpool and then on to Hamburg.

I had the same intoxication when I joined Southampton two seasons ago and I never regretted the move.

The Saints were good to me and I enjoyed playing for the club and the fans. Lawrie McMenemy couldn't have been fairer with me, right up to the time of me leaving.

He sensed my heart was no longer in it and he realised I needed a new challenge to make me tick. That's the sort of person I am. I need new targets, I need to push myself to greater things. I can't sit down for an hour without getting restless.

At St James' Park it will be Wembley every Saturday. The place will be alive with excitement and expectancy. They'll be chanting my name and the pressure will be on me from the start. Hopefully it will bring the best out of me.

I look forward to living up here. My father was a Geordie who worked in the pits at Hetton-le-Hole and I feel a real affinity towards the people. I want to do well for them and repay the belief they have shown in me by buying season tickets as if they are going out of fashion.

People have questioned my

decision to step down into the Second Division, particularly when it comes to playing for England. But it's not something that worries me.

At 31 I'm realistic enough to know that I could be among the players to go now that England have a new manager in Bobby Robson.

But I strongly believe that if a player is good enough he will be selected, regardless of age. So the onus is on me to prove I'm the good enough and I think I can do that in the Second Division — just as Trevor Brooking has done in the past.

The Second Division is at its strongest for years and all the hard games I can expect will hopefully keep me sharp and on top of my game.

Recognised First Division clubs like Leeds, Wolves and Middlesbrough will be desperate to go straight back up after taking the drop. Then there's the threat from Yorkshire clubs like Sheffield Wednesday, Barnsley and Rotherham.

In London, QPR have got to be a good bet and neighbours Chelsea are yearning for a return to their great times in the top flight.

I just hope Newcastle will be up there with them and that I can play my own part in bringing back the glory days to the North East.

● Kevin Keegan was talking to Melvyn Bagnall.

NEXT WEEK: What Keegan means to North East football... special Match Weekly report.



John Trewick, Newcastle's £250,000 record signing from West Brom last year, has been joined by £100,000 Kevin Keegan at St James' Park.

SAINTS LOOK TO CASSELLS

SOUTHAMPTON manager Lawrie McMenemy is looking for greater things from Keith Cassells this season.

The striker failed to make an instant impact when he moved from Oxford last season as McMenemy strove to keep the Saints' Championship hopes alive.

But big Lawrie says: "I expect to hear a lot more of him this season. He needed time to sharpen up to the pace of the First Division but he's the sort of player who's always on the end of scoring chances. His extra sharpness will make all the difference."

IN THE RED

IT'S a warning to other clubs when Liverpool fall into the 'red' after a season in which they retained the League Cup and reclaimed the League Championship.

But they ended last season with a loss of £154,758, compared with a profit of £59,225 the previous season when they won the European Cup. Merseyside rivals Everton also announced a deficit of almost £100,000, but West Brom, thanks in the main to the £2 million sale of Bryan Robson and Remi Moses to Manchester United, made a profit of £582,000.

● IT didn't take Dutch international Arnold Muhren long to make his mark for Manchester United.

The new signing from Ipswich scored after just ten minutes of his debut in a friendly with Fourth Division Aldershot that raised £20,000 for the South Atlantic Fund.

Frank Stapleton and Mike Duxbury got the other goals in United's 3-1 win that was watched by a crowd of more than 7,000 — nearly four times Aldershot's average gate.

DID YOU KNOW

LAWRIE McMenemy, who has been with Southampton since June, 1973, has had a longer spell with his club than any other current Division One manager. Jack Charlton (Sheffield Wednesday) owns that record in the Second Division, Dave Smith (Southend United) in the Third, and Billy Horner (Hartlepool) in the Fourth.

ROCHDALE won as many ties, seven, during the first two seasons of the Football League Cup as they have won, all told, during the 20 subsequent seasons!

IS Gary Williams the most common name among Football League players? There's one each with the following clubs: Aston Villa, Crystal Palace, Blackpool, and Bristol City. And all are Englishmen.

SPURS winger Tony Galvin and Lincoln City's Phil Neale both hold university degrees in . . . Russian!

IN the last 14 years, 17 visiting players have been sent off in League games at Burnley's Turf Moor — and that's more than on any other ground in the land.

JACK'S WARNING

FORMER England pivot Jack Charlton could be about to enter his last season as Sheffield Wednesday manager — that's if the club fail to win promotion to the First Division.

"We should have gone up last season," barks big Jack, "but we threw away too many points at home."

"If we fail again, I shall quit, but then they'll probably want to get rid of me anyway. If we are successful, I'll stay another year, to help them settle down in the First Division."

Ah . . . bistro!

ALAN Sunderland hopes he's found the recipe for success both on and off the field.

Apart from embarking in a new partnership with Tony Woodcock for Arsenal, he's teamed up with business partner Alan Paulus to open a bistro in Billericay, Essex.

The restaurant will be called 'Sundy's' — Alan's nickname at Highbury.

Clough justice

■ **QUOTE:** From Forest manager Brian Clough talking about his £1 million striker Justin Fashanu: "Everything about his lifestyle is wrong. He carries more gold on his wrist than Ron Atkinson and dresses like Elton John!"

CHERRY PICKED

FORMER England international defender Trevor Cherry has been appointed captain of Leeds for the third time in ten years.

He takes over from Kenny Burns, but he will miss Saturday's opening day match at Grimsby because of suspension.

SHARP FORM

YOUNG Everton striker Graeme Sharp appears to be starting where he left off at the end of last season.

The Scottish Under-21 international ended last season with five goals in the last seven games.

And he started the build-up to the new campaign with two goals during Everton's trip to Belgium where they beat Italian side Genoa 2-1 and lost 4-3 to Belgian side Lokeren.



LEARNING THE ROPES!

NO, not a group of young rock-climbers — these young lads are all apprentices from Football League clubs pictured on a three-week outward bound course in Scotland.

Sponsored by Bell's Scotch Whisky, the scheme provides a novel way of getting fit for the new season.

They are: Back row (left to right) — Neil Williams (Watford), David Smith (Bristol Rovers), Neil Pointon (Scunthorpe), Paul Bradbury (Oxford). Front row — Liam Robinson (Huddersfield), Andrew Sayer (Wimbledon), Terry Robbins (Tottenham), Adrian Owers (Southend) and Mark Ratcliffe (Huddersfield).

'I LOVE THE AGGRO' SAYS MILNE

"I COULDN'T wait to get back to the hassles, aggravation and problems of managing a team again," admitted Gordon Milne after taking over as the new Leicester boss.

"There's nothing like the involvement with players — the laughs, arguments and pressures. I've missed them all."

Problem number one for Milne is coming to terms with City's financial state and he says:

"We're grossly overstaffed and some players will have to go. Just who, depends who gives everything to the club . . . and who doesn't."

'AWFUL' ARSENAL

ARSENAL, who picked up the wooden spoon in a four-club tournament in Rotterdam, were described as "awful" by their coach Don Howe.

And manager Terry Neil vowed: "You will never see an Arsenal team play like that again while I'm around."

Whilst admitting "we made mugs of ourselves", Arsenal skipper David O'Leary laid some of the blame for the team's poor showing on lack of rest in the hotel — courtesy of celebrating Celtic fans!

● Right: Arsenal's skipper David O'Leary.



'THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME'

— NEW WOLVES BOSS

FORMER Wolves defender Graham Hawkins describes being handed the task of reviving the club's ailing fortunes as "the chance of a lifetime".

The former Shrewsbury assistant manager was the new regime's choice to succeed Ian Greaves, who was sacked after just six months in charge at the troubled Midlands club.

The 36-year-old Hawkins, who used to play with former Wolves idol Derek Dougan now the controller of affairs at Molineux following the £2.5 million takeover — says:

"I would not have come back to Wolves unless I firmly believed I could do a good job."

"This is a chance of a lifetime for me, a dream come true and I will do everything to prevent it being a nightmare."

Meanwhile, Ian Greaves, the man who quit Oxford for Wolves just six months ago, remains confident about getting another job in football.

"Despite what has happened to me at Wolves, I still love this game," he says. "At the risk of sounding conceited, I believe I am good enough to get fixed up with another job."

On the second day of Derek Dougan's reign as "the people's choice" chairman at Molineux, £73,000 worth of season tickets were sold in only four hours.

Reinforced Rovers...

THIRD Division Bristol Rovers have gone into non-League football to strengthen their squad.

Manager Bobby Gould has signed Bath City striker Graham Witney for £5,000 and midfield player Nicky Platnauer from Bedford who will receive a total of £2,000 if he plays more than 30 League games.

■ **WELSH** striker Jeremy Charles, out for most of last season with a knee injury, signalled his comeback with a hat-trick in Swansea's 4-2 friendly win over Scottish Premier side Dundee.

■ **TREVOR** Francis scored a cracking goal on his debut for Italian club Sampdoria in a 4-0 victory over Grosseto.

■ **TORQUAY** goalkeeper Vincent O'Keefe has joined Blackburn for £5,000. Torquay will get an extra payment after O'Keefe has played a certain number of first team games.

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

FUN PALACE

ENTERTAINMENT's the name of the game at the Palace this season.

Crystal Palace's aggregate attendances last season were down by over 200,000 and new manager Alan Mullery insists: "We've got to pull the fans back through the turnstiles with entertaining football."

FULHAM FIESTA

FULHAM followers are in for a Second Division feast this season if manager Malcolm Macdonald has anything to do with it.

"I fully intend to fly the flag of entertainment," he says.

"I hope my fellow managers will do the same because if there's one boss who restricts his players on the field, it's a one too many in my book."

"If people wanted to see robots perform, they'd go to a factory — not a football match."

Lampard under pressure

THIRTY-three-year-old Frank Lampard is looking ahead to what he believes may be his toughest battle to retain his left-back spot.

Frank, who has signed a new one-year contract at West Ham says: "Paul Brush has been pushing me hard for a couple of seasons now and young Everaldo La Ronde — who did really well at the end of last season — will be pushing both of us."

"But I'm completely fit again after last season's groin strain and ready for what I know will be a tough fight."

Sandy outshone

WEST HAM'S new £200,000 striker Sandy Clark was outshone by his old Airdrie team-mates during the First Division club's pre-season trip to Scotland.

Clark failed to find the net against the Scottish First Division side who went on to win 3-0 with goals from Joe Coyle, Norrie Anderson and Ian Gordon.

WILKINS SIGNS

RAY Wilkins finally sealed his future with Manchester United by signing a new four-year contract earlier this month... just as we told you he would six weeks ago.

As long ago as the start of the World Cup Finals, Ray told 'Match Weekly':

"Any rumours about my departure from the club are totally unjustified."

"I shall be there at the start of the season to help United win the League Championship — a trophy I feel is long overdue in the city."

ON THE BUSES

FOURTH Division Port Vale have secured an unusual sponsorship scheme for this season.

They have signed a novel deal with a Staffordshire bus company to provide them with free travel — a saving of around £5,000.



Frank Lampard — ready for a tough fight at West Ham.

NO RECORD REPLAY FOR FERGUSON

NEW Ipswich manager Bobby Ferguson will no doubt be hoping to create a few Football League records during his time at Portman Road.

But he certainly won't want the kind of record he collected during his only previous spell in management — 12 years ago with Newport County.

Then, under Bobby, the Fourth Division club set a new League record of 25 games without a win.

■ **PARTICK** Thistle, relegated to the Scottish First Division at the end of last season, have signed defender Steve Kirk on a free transfer from Stoke City. Kirk, 19, cost the Potteries club £10,000 when they signed him from East Fife in 1980.

GOLD-DIGGER!

FORMER pit worker David Speedie is bidding to strike gold with Chelsea this season.

The 22-year-old spent ten months in the darkened world of the Yorkshire coal mines after leaving school.

But now the midfielder-cum-striker looks forward to a bright new career with one of the country's most famous clubs.

And he told 'Match Weekly': 'It's difficult to put into words what it's like to get the chance at a club with a set-up like Chelsea.

"And I'm sure we have as good a chance — if not better than most — of making it to the First Division this season.

"My aim has always been to play in the top flight and I wouldn't have come to Stamford Bridge if I didn't believe they could help me realise that dream."

Far from being apprehensive about making the step up from Division Four to the Second, David believes he'll find life easier in the higher grade.

He scored 18 goals for Darlington last season and hopes to secure a regular striking role with Chelsea — confident he can continue to find the net.

"I scored a couple in our pre-season friendlies and missed four or five other chances that I would probably have stuck away in a League match.

Service

"The service is that much better than I've been used to and more chances are being created by having better players around me.

"With wide men like Phil Driver and Peter Rhoades-Brown getting the crosses in and Mike Fillery supplying balls in from midfield it makes my life easier.

"And I've really enjoyed playing alongside Clive Walker up front."

David has spent most of his career — both with his first club Barnsley and Darlington — in a midfield role. But he admits he prefers it up front.

"I got a chance to play up front with Darlington when John Stalker got injured last season. I really prefer that role, although if manager John Neal asked me to do a job elsewhere I'll get on with it to the best of my ability."

Ex-miner David Speedie talks to Match Weekly about his big chance at Chelsea

"It's up to the gaffer to decide and my first job is just to earn a regular place in the side."

His £70,000 move to Chelsea came about when David's contract came up for renewal and he refused the new terms offered.

A number of clubs — including some from the First Division — expressed an interest, but Chelsea were the first club to come up with the right offer.

And he left Darlington with his manager proclaiming that the Glenrothes-born player would one day play for Scotland.

It's all a far cry from his days down the mines and not surprisingly he can't wait for the new season to get underway.

"It's a different world down here but I want wanted to get away from Darlington to better myself and I'm sure my wife and I can settle down quite happily in London.

"The club got us fixed up with a house temporarily and we are now looking for a permanent home.

"Everyone at the club is in confident mood and I'm really looking forward to the new season."

David might already have been an established Second Division player now had things worked out better with his first club, Barnsley, where he was eventually put on the transfer list by the then manager Allan Clarke after making just 23 League appearances in two years.

But he doesn't believe he was given a chance by the Yorkshire club.

"I don't think I was given a fair crack of the whip at Barnsley. I was in the side one week and out the next."



David Speedie — the former pit worker hoping to strike it rich with Chelsea.

But that's all history now as David looks to the future and bids to help Chelsea regain their First Division status.

"The club belongs in the First Division and given the chance I'll do everything I can to help get them back there."



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Striker David Hodgson reveals the heartbreak behind his big-money move to Liverpool.



LIVERPOOL'S new £450,000 signing David Hodgson admits: "It killed me inside to leave Middlesbrough."

That's why the striker kept the League Champions waiting for two days before he finally waved goodbye to Ayresome Park.

"Even though the transfer to Liverpool was a great chance to better myself, I didn't want to leave 'Boro'.

"I care for the club and that's why it took me a couple of days to think the move over," says David.

"I would have loved to help Middlesbrough bounce back into the First Division this season, but at the end of the day the Liverpool opportunity was too good for me to miss."

The 22-year-old is the third Middlesbrough player to move to Liverpool for a big money fee in recent years and follows his close friend Craig Johnston and Scottish international Graeme Souness to Anfield.

Welcome

"Craig and I grew up together at Middlesbrough so it was great to see him welcome me when I arrived at Liverpool.

"I didn't know Graeme that well. I was just an apprentice when he was at Middlesbrough. But even in those days I could see that he was a lot better than the players around him.

"Since joining Liverpool Graeme has picked up more medals than he's got buttons on his shirt. I'm hoping I can do the same."

Immediately after signing for the club, David flew off to Switzerland to join the first team squad who were taking part in a pre-season tournament.

He got his Liverpool baptism earlier than expected when he partnered Ian Rush up front against Spaniards Real Betis and scored in a 2-0 victory.

"I was very pleased with my debut and it was a great thrill to start my Liverpool career with a goal," says David.

He kept his place for the final against Servette but missed a spot-kick, along with Howard Gayle, as the

'MY LOVE FOR BORO'

title holders were beaten on penalties.

"I volunteered to have a go even though I'd never taken a penalty in a competitive match before. My excuse was that the goalkeeper moved before the kick was taken!

"Going on tour with the lads was perfect for me because it gave me a chance to get to know the players.

"Even though all the Liverpool players are successful and have won European Cups and League titles, they are a really down to earth bunch of lads.

"They made me feel welcome as soon as I stepped through the door at Anfield and that helped settle the nerves."

"My immediate aim is to try and establish myself in the side. That's not going to be easy because there are so many good players here. The Liverpool reserve team is better than many sides in the Second Division.

"But I'm not scared of the challenge — I'm looking forward to it. I realise I've got to serve my Liverpool apprenticeship just like everyone else."

David hopes that this season will wipe away the misery of the last campaign when he scored just three League goals as Middlesbrough plunged into the Second Division.

"Last season was the worst of my career. I never

want to experience anything like that again.

"The three previous seasons I'd done well however and it's up to me to do it all again."

Gateshead born David joined Middlesbrough straight from school and made his League debut against Nottingham Forest in September 1978. Since then he's played more than 100 First Division games for the club.

"I was worried in case the Middlesbrough fans would accuse me of leaving a sinking ship, but they've been great to me.

"Nearly everyone who's stopped me in the street has wished me all the best. No-one has been nasty and that's made me feel much better."

David revealed that he could have left 'Boro' two years ago. The club received a 'big' offer for the striker which was turned down by manager John Neal.

But as was the case with other star players — including David Armstrong, Mark Proctor and Craig Johnston — the club have found themselves having to sell to survive.

"The club are having problems financially and I just hope that the cash they got for me helps them solve those troubles.

"I still love the club, but now I'm firmly committed to winning things with Liverpool."

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THE GLENN HODDLE COLUMN

An exciting new season is here and there's no player more exciting to watch than Spurs and

England midfielder Glenn Hoddle. Don't miss his regular columns throughout the new campaign — only in 'Match'

WE kick off the new season against Luton at White Hart Lane on Saturday with high hopes that this can be our year in the title race.

Championship winning sides are not born overnight — they are built over three or four years.

And looking at our squad and the progress we have made we may be ready to top the League this season.

I certainly believe our chances are better than they have been for a long, long while.

Three points on Saturday will do for starters, although I fancy Luton may fare best of the promoted sides so they will be no pushovers.

Whatever the result it should be a good game for the fans because both teams are good footballing sides.

They have plenty of ability and a good leader in skipper Brian Horton and they've strengthened their forward line since last season by signing Paul Walsh from Charlton.

What I have seen of Paul on TV indicates he's got plenty of potential. He's looked very good and he'll obviously be looking forward to the

LOOK-OUT LIVERPOOL!

challenge of the First Division.

It's a shame that our own Paul Price won't get a chance to play against his former club. His stomach injury looks like keeping him out of contention for another couple of weeks yet.

Skipper Steve Perryman, Tony Galvin, Steve Archibald, Graham Roberts and Chris Hughton have also had their injury problems during the close season.

And at the time of writing I still didn't know whether I would be fully fit for the big kick off.

I aggravated an Achilles tendon injury during our pre-season warm up games and it needed complete rest to give me a chance of playing in last Saturday's Charity Shield match against Liverpool.

It's the fibres around the tendon that are damaged and it's a dodgy thing to mess around with. Prior to the Charity Shield it seemed to be responding well to treatment however and I hope to be okay for Saturday.

The trouble is you can soon find yourself out for a month if you are not careful.

I felt it at times last season but the pain went away. This time it just got worse and worse and it was extremely sore after our match against Ajax in a tournament in Amsterdam.

Our results in the tournament were a bit up and down but you can't read too much into that. It's how you play and not the result that counts although it's been difficult for the manager to get a pattern because of all the injury problems.

We virtually had a youth side out when we played Cologne.

Pleased

Keith Burkinshaw was quite pleased with the way the youngsters came through however and it gave our new signing, Gary Mabbutt, a chance to get used to the Spurs style.

I think Gary's going to prove a very good buy for Tottenham. He looks a very good player and he's so versatile.

At the time of writing he's the only new face at White Hart Lane, but there have been a few shock transfers around the country since the final whistle blew on last season.

Kevin Keegan leaving Southampton to play for Second Division Newcastle was a real surprise.

He obviously felt he needed a new challenge and it's a great boost for North-East football.

Peter Shilton leaving Nottingham Forest for Southampton was a bit of a shock too and there won't be many teams looking forward to playing at the Dell this season.

It's always hard to score there but it's going to be even worse now with 'Shilts' in goal!

Forest manager Brian Clough will have a big problem in finding a replacement for Peter, but it's great for

● Left: Glenn Hoddle on the ball for Spurs. The England midfielder rates Liverpool as the team to beat.



Defender Paul Price — unfortunately for him he'll miss the chance to play against his former team on opening day.

Southampton and I'm sure the England 'keeper can turn the team into serious Championship contenders.

'Saints' problem may be at the other end — trying to score goals.

On paper Manchester United have a great chance and the arrival of Arnold Muhren from Ipswich will give them a better balance in midfield.

They are rich in talented players and if they all click they are sure to be in contention.

It will be interesting to see how Ipswich fare without Muhren. Having lost manager Bobby Robson too it could have a big bearing on their title hopes.

Liverpool? Yes they are going to be the team to beat... as always!

The signing of David Hodgson from Middlesbrough was a typical Liverpool move.

He may start the season in the side but it's more likely he'll spend a while in the reserves being groomed to take over from someone in a few months time.

Whatever their plans it's got to be a good buy. I've liked the look of David every time I've seen him play.

I just hope we can continue to be successful again this year with some honours coming our way somewhere along the line.

We've won the FA Cup twice and a lot of people will be expecting us to do it again. There's no reason why not...

● Glenn Hoddle was talking to Paul Stratton. Now read what new Match Weekly columnist Graham Rix has to say about the title chances of his own club, Arsenal, on page 21.



'Match Weekly' is the magazine with the columnists that really count!

England's first choice goalkeeper Peter Shilton finally got away from Nottingham Forest to seal another coup for Southampton

It all makes for exciting stuff as we approach kick-off time in a new season and Match Weekly's exclusive guide to the wheeling and dealing gives you time to take it all in before the whistle blows...



Peter Shilton — moved from Nottingham Forest to Southampton for £350,000.

NAME	CLUB	POSITION	PRICE
AUGUST			
David Hodgson	Middlesbrough	Liverpool	£450,000
Peter Shilton	Nott'm Forest	Southampton	£350,000
Graham Baker	Southampton	Man. City	£225,000
Raymond Aylott	Barnsley	Millwall	£150,000
David Cross	West Ham	Man. City	£135,000
Gary Mabbutt	Bristol Rovers	Spurs	£125,000
Ian Bailey	Middlesbrough	Sheff. Wed.	£100,000
Peter Barnes	Leeds	Real Betis	£115,000
Kevin Sheedy	Liverpool	Everton	£100,000
David Johnson	Liverpool	Everton	£100,000
Bobby Thomson	Middlesbrough	Hibernian	£80,000
Colin Todd	Birmingham	Nott'm Forest	£65,000
Peter Welsh	Leicester	Hibernian	£40,000
Micky Vinter	Wrexham	Oxford	£30,000
Ray McHale	Barnsley	Sheff. Utd	£20,000
Malcolm Pospett	Watford	Carlisle	£20,000

ALL CHANGE!

Eric McManus	Stoke	Bradford	£15,000
Vincent O'Keefe	Torquay	Blackburn	£5,000
Steve Buines	Walsall	Scunthorpe	Nominal
Lee Chapman	Stoke	Arsenal	Tribunal
Alan Brown	Sunderland	Shrewsbury	} Exchange
Ian Atkins	Shrewsbury	Sunderland	
Bob Wardle	Shrewsbury	Liverpool	} Exchange
Steve Gzizovic	Liverpool	Shrewsbury	
Gary McManus	Ipswich	Notts County	Free
Jim Blyth	Coventry	Birmingham	Free
Kevin Beattie	Ipswich	Colchester	Free
Chris Jones	Spurs	Man. City	Free
Alan Waddle	Newport	Mansfield	Free
Ian Moores	Orient	Bolton	Free
Joe Laidlaw	Hereford	Mansfield	Free
Jim Lumby	Mansfield	Boston Utd	Free
Arthur Mann	Mansfield	Boston Utd	Free
Miko Brolly	Grimshy	Derby	Free
John Craggs	Middlesbrough	Newcastle	Free
Jake King	Shrewsbury	Wrexham	Free
John Dungworth	Shrewsbury	Mansfield	Free
Denis Leman	Sheff. Wed.	Scunthorpe	Free
Noel Parkinson	Mansfield	Scunthorpe	Free

● Up to and including August 16, 1982.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Player	From	To
	MAY	
Raymond Lorimer	Brechin	Dundee Utd
Ally Donaldson	Raith	Montrose
John Kennedy	Stirling	St Johnstone
Graham Hutt	Dunfermline	East Fife
	JUNE	
Raymond Lorimer	Dundee Utd	Forfar
David MacKinnon	Partick	Rangers
Blair Millar	Clydebank	Airdrie
	JULY	
Craig Paterson	Hibernian	Rangers
James Docherty	St Johnstone	Partick
Derek Addison	Hearts	St Johnstone

AUGUST

Joseph Coyle	Dumbarton	Airdrie
Jim McSherry	Ayr	Berwick
Paul Cavanagh	Dundee Utd	Stirling
Graeme Sinclair	Dumbarton	Celtic

● Up to and including August 16. (No fees available.)

● Whilst every effort has been made to chart the various moves since transfer deadline day last March, we accept there may be some omissions at our time of going to Press.



Peter Bodak — free transfer from Coventry to Manchester United.

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DAVID RODGSON has been a big success story for the club. The 25-year-old striker signed from Middlesbrough for £450,000, came straight into the first team and obviously enjoyed getting to the top of the league.



REDS RUSH IN!



THE Charity Shield is back in the Liverpool trophy cabinet — and the man who put it there is Ian Rush, the wiry striker with lightning pace who is being hailed as the new King of the Kop.

Anfield has echoed the names of great strikers like Keegan, Toshack and Dalglish, but Rush is the Reds' new hero.

His Wembley goal, the only one of the game, showed why. Simple and yet brilliant, it sounded a warning that the Welshman — scorer of 30 goals last season — could establish himself as a goalscoring giant in the months ahead.

Wembley also took a brief look at new signing David Hodgson, who came on for Dalglish. His partnership with Rush could herald an exciting new era at the Merseyside club.

Top: Spurs' central defender Gary O'Reilly pushes forward to get in this cross under pressure from Mark Lawrence.

Above: A familiar sight — the Liverpool team plus trophies. This time it's the Charity Shield and the players' list is evident.

Left: The goal! Ian Rush wheels away as the ball crosses the line for his team's winning goal. Dalglish celebrates but it's agony to Spurs' players (left to right) O'Reilly, Clemence and Lee. Right: Spurs' Mike Hooper releases the ball as a determined Sammy Lee closes him down.

PHOTOGRAPH BY PHILIP HARRIS



GORDON STRACHAN SIGNS

GORDON Strachan — the Scottish international superstar who couldn't be bought for £1 million — has joined 'Match Weekly's' unbeatable team of top columnists.

One of Scotland's star performers in the World Cup Finals, the Aberdeen midfielder is sure to be a key player as international team boss Jock Stein bids for victory in the forthcoming European Championship.

And he has a vital role to play as Scottish FA Cup holders Aberdeen bid to wrest the Premier Division Championship trophy from Celtic's grasp.

In this, the first of his fascinating fortnightly columns, Gordon reveals the inside story behind his shock close-season transfer request and analyses the players and teams in the race for Scottish honours this season.

SPURS offered £1 million for me in the close season... but it wasn't enough.

My transfer request was turned down flat by Aberdeen manager Alex Ferguson and he's making his stand by asking double that price.

There's just not that kind of money around these days so it looks as though I'll be seeing out the remaining two years of my contract at Pittodrie.

But I'm not unhappy about staying with the club and there's no bad feeling between myself and the manager. I fully understand his point of view.

And I can assure Aberdeen fans that I won't be giving anything less than 100 per cent this season.

We have everything to play for and I believe that once again we'll make a major challenge for the Scottish Premier Division title.

Contrary to what many people think, my decision to ask for a move was reached last Christmas — not when I returned home from Spain with the Scottish World Cup party.

The manager knew I was going to put in a transfer request before we flew out.

The reason is that after ten years in Scottish football, I felt it was time for a change of scenery. I decided I wanted to visit different places and grounds.

SPURS

I was Scotland's 'Player of the Year' in season 1979-80 and I've won Championship and Cup winners medals so I feel I've been quite successful at Aberdeen.

I decided I wanted to try and better myself and have a crack at the English First Division. I still do and, when my contract with 'The Dons' expires, I'll only be 27 so time is on my side.

But I wouldn't join just any English club for the sake of moving. If I do cross the border, it will have to be to join an attractive side and not one of the First Division's mediocre sides.

I've no fears that I could succeed in the English top flight. I'm often in touch with my former Aberdeen team-mate Steve Archibald, now with Spurs, and he has no doubts

that I'd fit in well.

But for the time being I'm just looking forward to the start of the new season in Scotland and, for our own part at Aberdeen, we are all aware that it's the League that matters.

We've done well in cup competitions over the past few seasons but the League Championship trophy is the one we want back on our shelf.

We finished last season with just one defeat in our last 26 games and, if we can carry on where we left off, you won't hear many complaints from Pittodrie.

But this season will be the toughest yet for our younger players like Neale Cooper, John Hewitt and Eric Black.

Last term brought them their first real taste of Premier Division football and they all did well. But the second season is always harder.

Other players get wise to you and that means you've got to pull out that bit extra. But there's enough experience in the Aberdeen side to help the youngsters out.

People tend to forget that we've got five Scottish internationals in our side — myself, Jim Leighton, Willie Miller, Alex McLeish and Stuart Kennedy.

Aberdeen had the biggest contingent from one club in Scotland's World Cup 22. We even beat Liverpool who only provided three players compared to our four.

One of our representatives in Spain was skipper Willie Miller and there is no doubt that our title hopes have been boosted by his decision to sign a new four-year contract with the club. It's great news for everyone.

The biggest problem we face during the long season is getting ourselves into the right frame of mind for trips to such places as Morton's Cappielow Park.

It's very difficult to psyche yourself up in front of crowds of under 2,000. Glasgow giants Rangers and Celtic don't have those problems.

As well as being based in central Scotland, the teams have fabulous support both home and away. They take nearly 10,000 fans with them when they travel.

We don't get that sort of fanatical support and we've got the added problem of being so isolated from the rest of Scotland. Fans just can't afford to travel that far nowadays.

Tradition can also play its part. Some of the smaller teams tend to freeze when they come up against the two Glasgow clubs.

THE BALLAD OF BERTIE BIKE

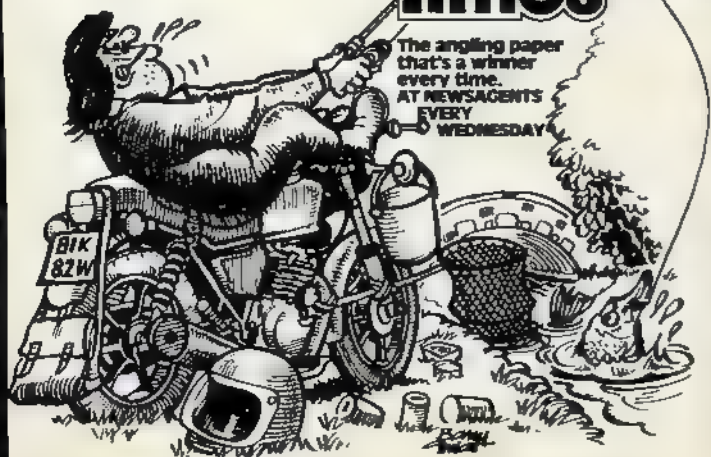
Bertie Bike and Frankie Fish fought together, twas their wish. Bertie struggled to catch Frankie, but the fish played hanky panky. Bertie pulled and pulled again, would the tackle take the strain?

Bertie knew not what to do, as through the line the fish did chew. Away he went down to the bottom, and Bertie's woe was not forgotten.

The moral is, don't keep wishing, learn all you can about your fishing.

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My good friend and former Aberdeen team-mate Steve Archibald of Spurs. He has no doubts about my ability to succeed in England.

FOR MATCH COULDN'T AFFORD ME!

Obviously title holders Celtic will be the team to beat again. This season they'll be boosted by the return of young striker Charlie Nicholas, who spent most of the last term recovering from a broken leg.

I was also delighted to hear that their midfielder Tommy Burns has decided to sign a new contract with the club. It's tremendous for Scottish Football when players of his calibre decide to stay north of the border.

Up front, Celtic are very strong. As well as Charlie Nicholas, they've got such class players as George McCluskey and Frank McGarvey, who are both capable of weighing in with a lot of goals.

Their city rivals Rangers are going through a transition period and, during the close season, they freed many of their long-serving players, including Sandy Jardine, Tom Forsyth and Colin Jackson.

To me, it looks as though manager John Greig has left the re-building too late. Rangers have virtually fielded the same team for the past seven years.

They've also had to delve into the transfer market because they don't seem to have any young talent coming through the ranks.

Their latest signing is central defender Craig Paterson, who cost £200,000 from Hibernian. He's the man I expect will take over from Colin Jackson.

Craig is a raw centre-half, but he's willing to learn about the game and I'm sure he'll prove a very good buy.

Dundee United's rise to the forefront of Scottish soccer has been mainly due to the fantastic work of manager Jim McLean over the last decade.

It was his youth policy that produced such star players as Paul Sturrock and David Narey. They are always a difficult team to beat



Left: Aberdeen skipper Willie Miller. His decision to sign a new contract for 'The Dons' has boosted our title chances.

● The Aberdeen midfield ace will be back in a fortnight's time with the news and his views on the Scottish scene . . Don't miss it!

Even though I've only had three weeks break from football, I can't wait for the League season to start in earnest.

I must admit that as I stepped off the plane after the World Cup I didn't think the break would be

long enough. But I was itching to play again as soon as I reported back for training and tasted the football club atmosphere.

I didn't go on holiday anywhere this year. It was just bliss to spend some time at home relaxing and

not have to live out of a suitcase.

To me, there's nothing better than being at home I'll see you again in two weeks!

● Gordon Strachan was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

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MATCH OF THE WEEK

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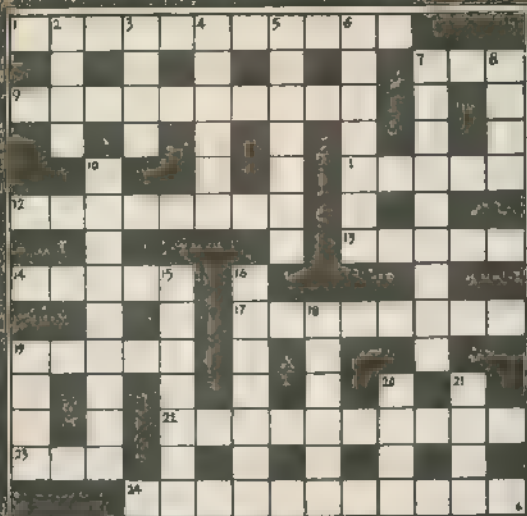


UNRAVEL the jumbled letters to discover which teams are playing each other.

'Match' is the magazine that offers a competition prize EVERY week. Don't miss out throughout the coming season!

Across

1. He recently became the manager of 22 across (4,7).
2. An old coin for Wilson? (3).
3. He was twice manager of Carlisle, with West Bromwich Albion and Olympiakos in between (4,6).
4. Midfielder Hughew --- played for Rochdale, Crewe, Bury and Bournemouth in the 1970s (5).
5. 'Over in U.S.' (anagram) --- after internationals, a player may swap his shirt to gain one (8).
6. & 15 down. The first of the great strikers --- he played for Derby (two spells), Middlesbrough and England and netted 352 League goals before the first world war (5,7).
7. One of the Israel international Cohens who came to participate in English soccer (5).
8. Viv ---, famous cricketer, is also a soccer international (8).
9. Irish Rovers (5).
10. The first British club to clinch a divisional title last season (10).
11. A --- punt is not the most skilful way of playing the ball! (3).
12. A club which is topping its table in the course of the season may be referred to as this (5-6).



SOCCERWORD

Down

3. These wise birds would know this famous club nickname (4).
4. He recently went from WBA to Everton, DRE of his previous clubs (4).
5. After playing for Australia in the World Cup finals, he turned out for Luton and Cardiff (6).
6. Frank has some light to start with! (7).
7. Middles the ball (7).
8. He scored the decisive last-minute winner in the 'Stanley Matthews' Cup final (4,5).
9. 'The Shakers' (4).
10. 'Stiff clue' (anagram) --- forward Peter who has been with Chester for the last few seasons would find it easy! (9).
11. See 23 across.
12. Ever-present Don O'Riordan was this club's Player of the Year for last season (7).
13. Many a player's --- has been ended by a bad leg injury (6).
14. A keeper may go through a match without having one to deal with (4).
15. So we never see Gary in it... or do we? (4).
16. Like the shirts of the world's top soccer country (4).

Riddle time

I'M my country's most capped player with 96 international appearances to my credit. I began my career with Newry Town before moving to Watford and then into London where I've played for two top clubs in the capital. I was 'Footballer of the Year' in 1973/74. Don't miss next week's 'Match' for the answer to our 'Riddle Time' poser.

● The answer to last week's 'Riddle Time' was: Stoke's Northern Ireland international Sammy McIlroy.

Solutions

MATCH OF THE WEEK: Bolton Wanderers v Charlton Athletic.
QUICK QUIZ: 1 Birmingham, Nottingham Forest and Manchester City; 2 Oldham; 3 Forest and Manchester City; 4 Frank Stapleton; 5 Park, Jack Wallace; 6 Peter Withe; 7 Middlesbrough; 8 One; 9 Lincoln; 10 Rangers beat Dundee United.
MATCH THEM UP: A-3; B-1; C-2; D-5; E-4.
SOCCERWORD: Across: 1. Jack Wallace; 7. Bob; 9. Alan Ashman; 11. Riley; 12. souvenir; 13 & 15 down. Steve Bloomer; 14. Jacob; 17. Richards; 19. Silgo; 22. Motherwell; 23. toe; 24. front-runner.
Down: 2. Owls; 3. King; 4. Alston; 5. Lampard; 6. centres; 7. Bill Perry; 8. Bury; 10. Sutcliffe; 15. See 13 across; 16. Preston; 18. career; 19. shot; 20. Owen (hidden); 21. blue (Italy).

QUICK QUIZ

TEST your soccer knowledge with this 'Quick Quiz'. If you get between 8-10 correct consider yourself a football expert; 6-8 good; 4-5 average; below 4, keep reading 'Match'.

1. Trevor Francis moved to Sampdoria of Italy for his third £1m transfer. Can you name his previous clubs?
2. Which Second Division club are known as 'The Latics'?
3. Where do Scottish Premier Division club Motherwell play and who is their new manager?
4. Who finished last season as Manchester United's leading goalscorer in the League?
5. Where did Everton's Scottish striker Graeme Sharp begin his career?
6. Who scored the winner in Aston Villa's European Cup Final victory over Bayern Munich?

7. From which club did Sheffield Wednesday sign Ian Brady?
8. How many caps did West Ham goalkeeper Phil Parkes win with England?
9. Which club play at Sincil Bank?
10. Who won the Scottish League Cup last season and who did they beat?

MATCH THEM UP

CAN you match up these Fourth Division strikers with their proper clubs?

A Craig Madden
B Dave Bamber
C Les Mutrie
D Ernie Moss
E Keith Walwyn

1 Blackpool
2 Hull
3 Bury
4 York
5 Port Vale

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All you have to do to stand a chance of winning one of these fabulous prizes is to take a careful look at the five Manchester United players pictured. Do you know who they are?

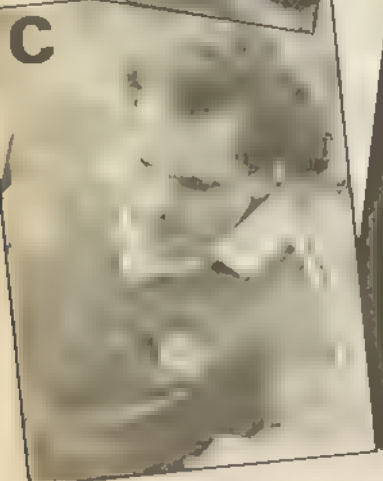
If you can identify the stars, just fill in the coupon and send it off to: Manchester Utd Mystery Stars Competition, Match Weekly, 14 Holkham Road, Orton Southgate, Peterborough PE2 0UF.

Entries must reach us by Friday,

September 3 and the results will be announced in the September 18 issue of 'Match'. The first 15 correct entries pulled out of the post bag will win a United strip and 15 runners-up will be sent one of our super consolation prizes. Good luck!



Manchester United striker Norman Whiteside (left) and new signing Arnold Muhren show off the kit you could win in our super competition. Norman is wearing the away kit while his team-mate sports the home gear.



Name..... Age.....

Address.....

Picture A.....

Picture B.....

Picture C.....

Picture D.....

Picture E.....

Chest size.....

Home or away strip.....

SPOTLIGHT on
the latest
departure from
trouble-torn
Wolves.

IT'S STOKE BY GEORGE!

DEFENDER George Berry turned down big money offers from abroad to stay in the First Division with Stoke.

George became a victim of the severe Wolves cash crisis when he was given a free transfer in the close season because the club couldn't afford to pay his wages.

And it looked as though the Welsh international might have to move abroad until Richie Barker, formerly his assistant manager at Wolves, offered him a chance to stay in the top flight.

George revealed to *'Match'* that he turned down lucrative offers from clubs in West Germany, Switzerland and Hong Kong to sign for Stoke.

"Even though I felt that at 24 I am too young to go abroad I'd have gone if Stoke hadn't come in with an offer.

"I'm very grateful to Richie Barker for giving me a chance to continue my career in the First Division."

And George declares: "There's no other team in the First Division I'd have joined other than Stoke."

Manager Richie Barker has been the biggest influence on my career and I was delighted when I got the chance to join up with him again.

"Richie taught me the basics of defence. He made me think about my game and got me organised."

"I know it's up to the individual when he's on the pitch, but everyone needs a good coach and that's where his influence came in."

"When Richie was at Wolves the club did well. As soon as he left to take over at Stoke the club's fortunes nosedived. He did a lot of the donkey work at Molineux and didn't get the credit he deserved."

George believes that his own fortunes slid with the departure of the assistant manager.



Paul Bracewell — "with players of his calibre in the side I believe Stoke have a bright future ahead of them," says George Berry.

They were the only team that could keep me in England, says Berry

He says: "I thought I was being made a scapegoat."

"Because I'd been at the club for eight years I felt I was being treated as part of the furniture."

"Last season was horrible. The pressure on the players was unbelievable. It was very difficult to concentrate on the playing side with the political unrest and financial problems within the club."

"It's hard enough training and playing these days without having to worry about the problems off the field."

"There was a tremendous amount of uncertainty in the club when John Barnwell was in charge. No-one knew whether he'd be manager from one day to the next."

"At least when Ian Greaves took over he brought a little more stability to the club."

Even though George was given a free transfer by Wolves, he feels no bitterness towards the club.

He says: "I had some great times and feel that my spell at Molineux was quite successful."

"I thought I was being made a scapegoat at Wolves. I felt I was being treated as part of the furniture."

"I picked up a League Cup winners medal and was capped by Wales. That's not a bad record," says George.

"I became a victim of the club's financial plight. Former manager Ian Greaves told me that he didn't want to let me go."

"The problem was that my contract was up and Wolves couldn't afford to keep me. It was cheaper to release me than pay up the contracts of other players."

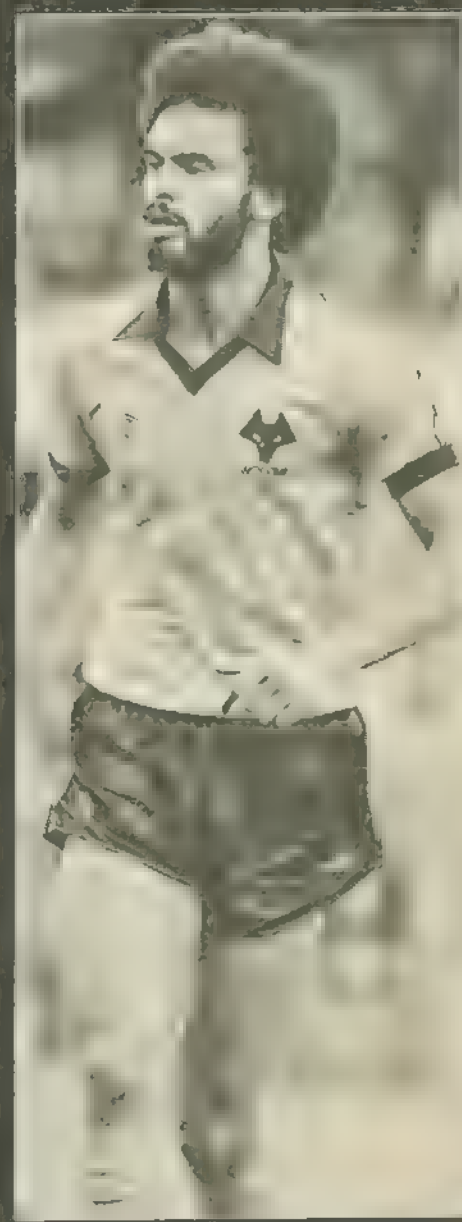
"Wolves will always have a special place in my heart and I'm keeping my fingers crossed that the club can bounce straight back into the First Division."

"I was ever so pleased to hear that Derek Dougan was spearheading the consortium that finally gained control of the club."

"I'm sure he can breathe fresh life into the club. He's just what Wolves need right now."

George has been given a one year contract at The Victoria Ground and he believes it's just the incentive he needs to re-establish himself as a First Division player.

"With players of the calibre of Sammy McIlroy and young Paul Bracewell at Stoke I believe we've got a bright future ahead of us. I'd like to think we can challenge for honours."



New Stoke centre half George Berry turned down lucrative offers from abroad to join his old boss Richie Barker in the Potteries.

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GRAHAM Rix has signed a new contract with Arsenal . . . and now he's signed for 'Match'.

With the 'Gunners' hotly tipped to make a strong challenge for the title this season and three new players on the books, Highbury is going to be an exciting place to be.

And talented England midfielder Graham will be bringing you the behind-the-scenes stories throughout the new campaign.

Don't miss his exclusive column every fortnight!

**Great
new
signing!**

No club to match The Gunners'

I'M staying at Highbury because I believe Arsenal have a great chance of lifting the League Championship this season.

We're all very optimistic following the close season signings of Tony Woodcock, Lee Chapman and Vladimir Petrovic.

Despite losing quality players like Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton over the last couple of years we still proved a force to be reckoned with and qualified for Europe last season.

But now with the addition of Tony, Lee and Vladimir, Arsenal can expect to do something and I want to be part of that success.

At the end of last season I told manager Terry Neill and coach Don Howe that I was going to the World Cup with everything to play for, and that if a top European club came in with a good offer I'd consider it.

But I wasn't going to move abroad for the sake of it. I wanted to join a club which was on a par with Arsenal.

I had a few offers but they weren't from the sort of clubs that I really wanted to go to.

The only one that did take my fancy was a brief interest from West German giants Bayern Munich. Unfortunately nothing came of it.

Criticism

The decision to stay with Arsenal wasn't a hard one. Once you've played at Highbury you never really want to leave. There's no other club in Britain to match 'The Gunners'.

Last season was a difficult time for all the players however. We got some terrible criticism in the press for the way we played.

It upset us all because it was so unfair. We played some good stuff last year and yet no-one appreciated it. We may not have the flair of Tottenham but we can still play a bit.

However, I realised last term that, with all due respect to the players at Highbury, we needed a couple of quality players adding to the squad before we could consider ourselves as Championship material.

Even though we're starting the season in a confident frame of mind we know that nothing

is certain in football. If we're going to challenge for the title we've got to work hard and battle.

Liverpool must be the main threat to any team's title hopes. They won't be in any mood to give up their hold on the trophy.

But the arrival of Dutchman Arnold Muhren — one of the best signings of the summer — could swing the Championship Manchester United's way.

He could make the difference between them winning the title or finishing second.

Manchester United have spent a lot of money in recent years and this season could see them reap some benefit for their big outlays.

One of the big early season questions will be how Ipswich cope without manager Bobby Robson and Arnold Muhren.

I can still see them making a challenge because they've still got enough experienced quality players to make up for those losses.

The players — young and old alike — will also be going flat out to impress the new team boss Bobby Ferguson.

Our North London neighbours Tottenham are another team who have title pretensions. Even though they've got a lot of good midfield players, including Glenn Hoddle and Mike Hazard, I fear that they will miss Ossie Ardiles more than they think.

But their confidence will be sky high. They've won the FA Cup for the last two seasons and that's not a bad record!

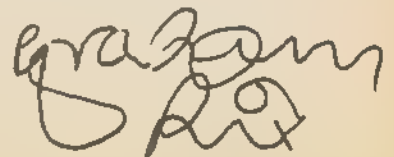
So much depends on what kind of a start you get. That's why it's important we do well in our opening game of the season at Stoke.

Funnily enough we played them in the first game of last season at Highbury and Lee Chapman scored the only goal of the game.

Now that we've got the young striker on our side I'm hoping he can repeat his scoring feat . . . for us this time!

I'll see you in two weeks!

● Graham Rix was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



"Once you've played at Highbury you never really want to leave."

'Match' is the magazine with the big name columnists.

INTER-CITY EXPRESS

JIM Blyth this week looked forward to the start of a new season and a new career with Birmingham City claiming: "I didn't want to leave Coventry but I felt I deserved more from the club."

Jim was only offered a new one-year contract at Highfield Road despite his ten year service to the 'Sky Blues' and he says:

"I was looking for more security for myself and my family.

"Coventry couldn't give me that security but Birmingham have.

"I believe it's all down to economics. Coventry obviously didn't feel they could afford to keep paying me top whack with Les in possession of the number one shirt.

"I'm sure I would have started the new season in the reserves, because Les was in the driving seat at the end of last term."

Jim lost his first team place last March although he doesn't feel he

Swift transfer takes Blyth to Birmingham

deserved to be dropped . . .

"I don't feel my being left out was justified because I felt I had been playing well."

But Jim bears no grudges towards Coventry boss Dave Sexton.

He says: "He must be one of the best and most genuine managers and one of the nicest men in the game."

"I've a lot of respect for the man.

"But then I'm leaving behind one

of the best to join another good manager in Birmingham's Ron Saunders.

"He's got one of the best records in the First Division, and while he may have a reputation for being a hard boss he will look after you as long as you do your best for him."

Jim admits his free transfer to Coventry's Midlands' rivals "all happened very quickly."

One day he was having talks and the next he had signed.

"I'd heard that Birmingham were interested and Dave Sexton gave me the okay to talk. Coventry were straight with me and told me that if I didn't like the terms they wouldn't put a price on my head although I believe they would have liked to have kept me."

"It's sad to be leaving especially after such a long time with Coventry.

"I'm saying goodbye to a lot of good friends and I believe Coventry are on the verge of becoming a successful club.

"I would have been happy to



New Birmingham goalkeeper Jim Blyth — "I believe Coventry are on the verge of becoming a successful club and I would have been happy to have stayed."

have stayed and been a part of it, but I had to put my family's security first and Birmingham were prepared to offer me the three year contract I was looking for."

Jim is honest enough to admit that, man for man, Coventry probably have the better chances of success next season but he adds: "I think it will be very close between the two teams next season. Both sides are young and both have talented players.

"I'm obviously biased towards Coventry at the moment because I know more about the players at Highfield Road but the atmosphere at St Andrew's suggests this season can be a good one for the club.

"And I'm sure if we can get off to a winning start we can attract some good gates."

Apart from looking to help Birmingham achieve some long overdue success, 27-year-old Jim has his eyes on the Scotland goalkeeping jersey.

"I'm not saying I have a better chance to stake a claim playing for Birmingham but the position is definitely up for grabs and I've got to have a go with the European Championship on the horizon.

"Of course there are two other First Division goalkeepers with similar hopes in George Wood at Arsenal and now Jake Findlay at Luton, but having made the Scotland squad of 40 for the World Cup Finals it's obvious Mr Stein, the national team boss, is aware of me.

In the end it was Alan Rough of Partick, Jim Leighton of Aberdeen and George Wood who made the trip to Spain and Jim says:

"Losing my place in Coventry's side finally put paid to my chances of making the trip. Maybe this season will make up for that."

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Coventry boss Dave Sexton —

"One of the most genuine managers in the game," says Jim Blyth.

KENNY SWAIN AT HOME

WHEN the new season kicks off on Saturday, Kenny Swain will become a regular sight in the claret and blue of Aston Villa once again.

But here, 'Match' brings you an insight into the private world of the Villa full-back — at home with his wife and family.



Above: Family reading. The Swains, Kenny, wife Lillian and sons Stephen and Ian, settle down to browse through their favourite reading — Match Weekly, of course!

Below: Kenny and Lillian relax with the family pet.

Below right: Treasured souvenirs of last season's European Cup triumph. A proudly shows off the Bayern Munich shirt he collected after the Final.

Right: Kenny Swain as the fans see him every Saturday afternoon — in action for Villa.



MANCHESTER



BACK ROW (left to right): Kevin Moran, Scott McGarvey, Gordon McQueen, Gary Bailey, Stephen Pears, Chris McGrath, Ashley Grimes, Garry Birtles.
MIDDLE: Jim McGregor (physio), Norman Whiteside, Alan Davies, Mike Duxbury,

STER UTD



**Peter Bodak, Steve Coppell, Lou Macari, Mick Brown (assistant manager).
FRONT: Remi Moses, Arnold Muhren, John
Gidman, Ray Wilkins, Ron Atkinson
(manager), Martin Buchan, Arthur
Albiston, Bryan Robson, Frank Stapleton.**

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LIVERPOOL TO PIP UNITED

GEOFF PIKE (West Ham)

6 MIGHTY Liverpool and Manchester United will be the sides who battle it out for the League Championship this season.

There's no doubt that the current holders are the team to beat and they are my bet to pip Ron Atkinson's men.

Manchester United's chances have been greatly enhanced by the signing of Arnold Muhren from Ipswich. As a left-sided

midfield player, he's given the team more balance.

Arsenal have always been a difficult team to score goals against and this season they are going to be a force to be reckoned with after their trio of close season signings.

Tottenham have had a monopoly on the FA Cup in the

last two years and I'm hoping West Ham can break that.

If we can't win it, I'd like to see the trophy stay in London.

Liverpool seem to have cracked the Milk Cup with two wins in the last two years and they'll be the team to beat again.

THE HOLDERS

English League Champions:

LIVERPOOL.

FA Cup holders: SPURS.

Milk Cup holders:

LIVERPOOL.

Scottish Premier Champions:

CELTIC.

FA Cup holders: ABERDEEN.

League Cup holders:

RANGERS.

A Celtic hat-trick

CHARLIE NICHOLAS (Celtic)

6 CELTIC for the treble!

I've got to fancy us to retain the Premier title and we are determined to do well in the cups this year.

Aberdeen look as though they will be our major challengers again this season and they've got a lot of class in the side in players like Gordon Strachan.

As for our Glasgow rivals Rangers, I think they may be in for a difficult season because there have been a few changes on their playing staff and it will take time for the new players to settle in.

In the two cup competitions, I think you are talking about one of four teams — ourselves, Aberdeen, Rangers and Dundee United.

We're definitely going for a clean sweep, but I fancy we might settle for two trophies at the end of the season!

TROPHY



Tottenham players Paul Miller, Chris Hughton and Tony Galvin celebrate with the FA Cup at Wembley.

ANOTHER CUP FOR

6 LIVERPOOL have almost made the League Championship their own property in the last decade and I can't see anything changing that this season.

Bob Paisley's men seem to have everything right. They play to a system they are good at and have strength in depth.

If one of the regular first teamers has to drop out through injury, the manager knows that he's got players in the reserves who can slot into the side without making any difference to the smooth running of the team.

Manchester United have improved their team over the last year and I see them as the

TONY EVANS (Birmingham)

likeliest challengers to Liverpool's supremacy. I rate Bryan Robson as the best midfield player in the country and he'll be a major influence in United's hunt for glory.

Arsenal took a lot of stick last season for being defensive and that's why much more is expected from them following the arrival of strikers Tony Woodcock and Lee Chapman.

It will be interesting to see how Ipswich get on without manager Bobby Robson and Arnold Muhren. They were very important cogs in the Portman Road set-up.

The problem with Ipswich over the last few years is that they've been involved in so many



Left: Tony Evans — 'Liverpool have everything right.'

Reds have a great chance

MY old team Manchester United have a great chance of landing a League and FA Cup double this season.

They definitely have a squad strong enough if the manager can bring the best out of the players.

But you can never forget Liverpool and I fancy they will at least go close in all three major competitions.

They've made a great buy in striker David Hodgson from Middlesbrough and they will be up there again.

My outside tip for the League would be

SAMMY McILROY (Stoke)

Arsenal — especially if they do manage to get the Yugoslavian Petrovic.

They were there or thereabouts last season and the signing of striker Tony Woodcock is sure to strengthen their forward line so they could do it.

The Milk Cup is a hard one to win again.

HUNTERS!

WHERE will the major honours go in England and Scotland this season?

Is it to be Celtic's year again north of the border? Who, if anyone, can stop Liverpool marching to their 14th League Championship? Is it possible Spurs can

make it a hat-trick of victories in the FA Cup?

These are the questions 'Match' has been putting to some of the games top stars on the eve of the big kick-off and their answers make fascinating reading.

See if you agree with their choices . . .

Sammy McIlroy — Liverpool will go close in all three competitions, he says.

DOUBLE UP, BRYAN!

TONY GODDEN (West. Brom)

MY former team-mate Bryan Robson is the man who can lead Manchester United to the League Championship and FA Cup double.

His competitive attitude and sheer will-to-win can inspire the many talented players who are assembled at Old Trafford.

Even when the England midfielder isn't playing at his best, you can always be sure that he'll give 110 per cent. That sort of commitment rubs off on others.

I know that the glorious double hasn't been achieved since 1970-71 when Arsenal pulled it off, but I've got a sneaking feeling that United could do it this time.

League Champions Liverpool are the biggest threat to any team chasing honours. They have tasted so much success but are

always hungry for more.

Even though Ipswich have lost midfielder Arnold Muhren and the full-time services of manager Bobby Robson, I've no doubts that they'll be up there once again.

Nottingham Forest have struggled to make much impression over the last few seasons, but I wouldn't ignore them.

Manager Brian Clough isn't the sort of person to accept failure. He's still got confidence in his own ability and I'm sure his team will shine this season.

I haven't written off our chances of being up there with the leading pack even though we had a disastrous time last season.

But there's a new confidence within The Hawthorns following the appointment of new manager Ron Wyllie.

The Milk Cup is a very difficult competition to predict but I'm going to stick my neck out and go for newly-promoted Watford to win.

Below: Tony Godden takes Manchester United to do the double.



Saints alive...

BRIAN STEIN (Luton)

SOUTHAMPTON can make a serious title bid this season now that they've signed goalkeeper Peter Shilton from Nottingham Forest.

In my book, he is the best in the country and he'll make the Southampton defence a lot more confident.

In the FA Cup, I'm taking Tottenham to win it for the third season on the trot!

They don't have Liverpool's consistency but on their day they can be brilliant.

As for the Milk Cup, I fancy it's got to be one of the big clubs again. Both Liverpool and Manchester United have great chances but maybe it's on its way back to the Midlands with Aston Villa building on their success in the European Cup last term.

ANFIELD

different competitions right up to the death. There's no doubt it tires the players.

We at Birmingham have good cause for optimism this season. New manager Ron Saunders is a winner and he's determined to build 'The Blues' into a side capable of challenging for honours.

It's impossible to predict the winners of the two cup competitions because so much can happen between now and those two Wembley dates.

But I'd like to think that the team with the most flair and skill can win the FA Cup. That's why I believe Manchester United could be a good bet.

LAST SEASON

IPSWICH Town's Scottish international midfielder John Wark was our top tipster at the start of last season — correctly forecasting that Liverpool would win the League and Spurs would win the FA Cup for the second year running. He only slipped up in the League Cup — predicting Arsenal to win. Here's what the rest of our stars forecast:

Player	League	F.A. Cup	League Cup
Paul Bradshaw (Wolves)	Liverpool	Everton	Leeds
Gordon Smith (Brighton)	Ipswich	Man. Utd	Tottenham
John Hollins (Arsenal)	Ipswich	Everton	Southampton
Brian Flynn (Leeds)	Man. Utd	Liverpool	Arsenal
Kevin Arnott (Sheff. Utd)	Ipswich	Man. Utd	West Brom
Arthur Albiston (Man. Utd)	Ipswich	Tottenham	West Ham

SCOTTISH PREMIER FIXTURES

● CUT OUT AND FILL IN THE RESULTS

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Kilmarnock

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Anthony Hawksell brings you the inside story on the move that is the talk of soccer-mad Merseyside...

'my wasted season' ... it was misery despite the medals for David Johnson

FORMER England striker David Johnson brands his last season at Liverpool as an 'utter waste of time' even though he picked up League Championship and League Cup winners medals.

David joined Everton — the club where he started his League career — after refusing a new two year contract at Anfield.

The £100,000 signing says: "I would have been used as a convenience for the next two years at Liverpool as the club's third or even fourth choice striker.

"That in my books means that the club didn't need or want me, so I decided to make myself available for transfer."

David joined Liverpool from Ipswich for £200,000 in August 1976 and although he's suffered his fair share of injuries, he's played a major role in the club's fantastic run of success.

But after starting last season in the first team alongside Kenny Dalglish, David found himself pushed out of the picture at the expense of Welsh international Ian Rush.

He played enough games to earn

himself another Championship medal and replaced Terry McDermott at Wembley as Liverpool beat Spurs 3-1 in the League Cup Final.

But the experienced striker, who made more than 140 League appearances for Liverpool, became desperate for a move in the close season.

"Going back to Everton is a dream transfer. Words can't really describe my true feelings. I'm delighted to be joining a club which believes I can still do something for them.

"Everything has turned out so well because it means I'll still be playing in front of my own people," says the Liverpool born player.

David was 15 when he joined the Goodison Park club straight from school. He went on to make 50 League appearances and score 11 goals before moving to Ipswich in 1972/73.

"I'll always be grateful to Everton because they gave me my first big chance in football and taught me my trade.

"I'm hoping that I can do better for Everton than I did in my first spell here and score a few more goals for them.

'Everton is like a timebomb. It is ticking ready to explode.'

"Apart from the people, nothing about the club has changed. The facilities are superb and the club is geared for success.

"Everton is like a timebomb. It is ticking ready to explode. Unfortunately the fuse has been a long one. I'd like to help it finally light up the sky this season."

When David was last at Everton, Howard Kendall was one of his team-mates. Now he's the boss but David says:

"I'm looking forward to working for Howard. We got on well in our playing days and I see no reason why that can't continue.

David doesn't see the short trip across Liverpool's Stanley Park — the area which separates the two



Ian Rush — he took David Johnson's place in the Liverpool attack.

clubs — as the end of his trophy winning days.

"If I thought that I might as well give up playing. You've got to have belief in your own ability in this game," he says.

"From what I've seen of the players here during pre-season training we've got every reason to be confident about the future.

"But it's important not to get over excited or build ourselves up too much. We can't look any further forward than making a good start to the season at the moment."

At one stage during the close season David looked set to join Belgian club Standard Liege during the close season, but the move fell through at the very last moment.

"I was about to set off from my home to fly to Belgium when I got a telephone call saying that the whole deal was off," he explains.

"I wasn't given an official explanation for the change of mind, though I did hear later that the club had decided to buy a full-back instead of a striker.

"I considered the move to Standard as a very good opportunity for me," says the 30-year-old.

David, who's signed a two year contract with Everton, was capped eight times for England. His last international appearance was against Belgium in the European Championships in Italy two years ago.



David Johnson — "Liverpool didn't need or want me. It's nice to be joining a club which believes I can still do something for them."

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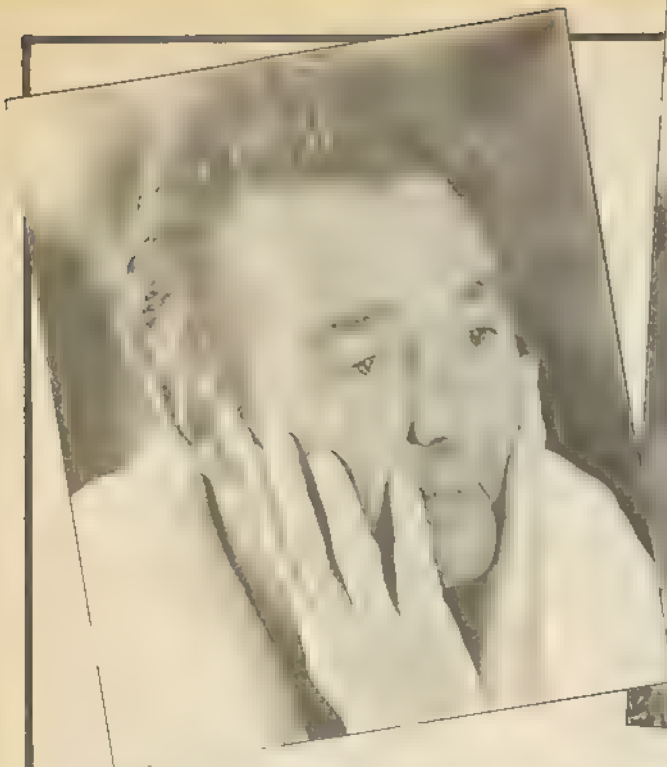
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● **BEMUSED . . .** Brian Clough (above) looks puzzled by the performance of his Nottingham Forest side.
 ● **DEMANDING . . .** New Motherwell manager Jock Wallace (below) calls for more effort.



● **FINGER-WAGGING . . .** Rangers players get the point of John Greig's interval talking-to.

WHO'D BE A BOSS?



● **BECKONING . . .** West Ham boss John Lyall (below) sends out the signals.

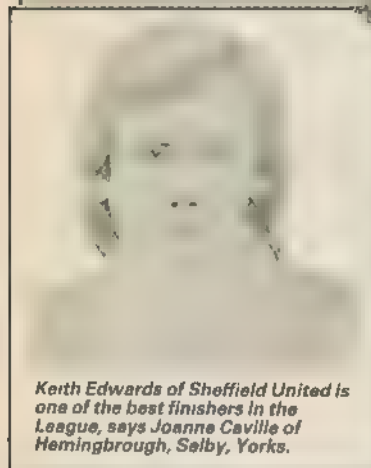


● **ONE IN THE EYE . . .** For Sporting Lisbon boss Malcolm Allison (above).

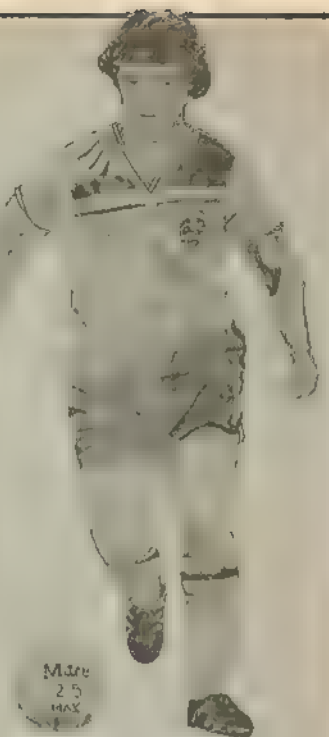
● **MY EYE . . .** Ex-England manager Ron Greenwood (left) feels the strain.



STAR GALLERY



Kerth Edwards of Sheffield United is one of the best finishers in the League, says Joanne Caville of Hemingbrough, Selby, Yorks.



Italian export Trevor Francis has been drawn by Wayne Orton (14), of Cirencester, Gloucs., who says: "Trevor is a natural for the England number nine shirt."



KICK off the new season by drawing a picture of your favourite footballer and you could win a fabulous soccer card game!

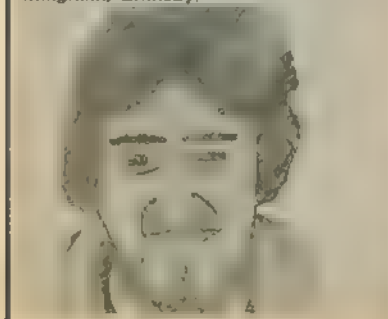
'Big League' is an exciting new game normally played by 2-6 players — the object being to form a team of 11 players

But you can even amuse yourself on your own by playing 'Big League' patience!

It's a game approved by the Football League and all you have to do to stand a chance of winning one is send in your drawing together with a sentence saying why your chosen player deserves a place in our 'Big League Star Gallery'.

The sender of each drawing published is a winner! Write to: 'Star Gallery', Match Weekly, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

Grimsby goalkeeper Nigel Batch (below) is a great asset to 'The Mariners', according to Gillian Pearce (14), of Birmingham, Grimsby.



"Francois Van der Elst is just one of the many talented players who make West Ham tick," says Mark Matthias of Wrexham, Chwyd.

TERRACE TALK

Edited by
Michael
Weavers



WELCOME to your new-look letters page... with unique prizes for every reader who gets his or her letter published!

Yes, to get the new season off in great style we are giving away a super lapel badge to every person whose comments are printed in 'Match' and each badge will carry that special 'Terrace Talk' logo.

It's a prize that money can't buy and one could be yours!

Plus we will be giving a prize of £10 for what we consider to be the star letter of the week and of course the sender will also receive a 'Terrace Talk' badge.

So get those letters coming in NOW and you could be the envy of your friends!

Write to Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

FORGET what the merchants of doom say. It's going to be a great season!

Everything points to an exciting tussle at the top of the First Division. Of course Liverpool will be there again but they face sterner opposition this time round.

Manchester United have been strengthened by the signing of Dutch midfielder Arnold Muhren. From the Midlands Aston Villa — recharged and full of confidence after their European Cup success.

In London both Spurs and Arsenal will also be up there. I rate Arsenal as the biggest danger following the signing of Tony Woodcock from Cologne.

We've got everything to look forward to this season!

Paul Forgoine, Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent.

AFTER reading 'Match Weekly's' guide to First Division admission prices, I'm glad that my favourite team — Leeds United — have been relegated.

I won't have to travel to places like Southampton and Brighton, who offer visiting supporters an uncovered pigeon pen to watch the game from. Comfortable viewing is impossible.

I'm amazed that they have put the admission price up by 30p. P Marsh, Wednesbury.

I'M annoyed with all the praise Norwich City received last season when they scraped a promotion place into Division One.

Without doubt, Norwich will be back where they belong next May — in the Second Division — along with Luton and Sunderland.

Andrew Ferguson, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs.

● IT'S a bit early to start writing teams off — even Norwich.

SO Paul Mariner writes in 'Match' that Bobby Robson will continue the success Ron Greenwood has achieved as England manager.

Great... because that will amount to nothing.

England eventually tailed in the World Cup Finals because of Greenwood's negative approach. Heaven help us if Robson follows the same approach.

Derrick Orne, Great Sutton, South Wirral.

I'LL be quite satisfied if Robson does a Greenwood and sends out an England team that the rest of the world can't beat.

WHAT a lucky escape Wolves had! Derek Dougan's consortium saved the club from closure with just three minutes to go to the Official Receiver's deadline.

But surely it should never have been left to someone like 'The Doog' to save the club.

There should be a system in the League whereby the richer clubs — like Manchester United and Liverpool — donate a certain amount of money each year to a special Football League fund to help clubs in distress.

It would have been a tragedy had Wolves gone under and we must take steps to make sure other financially-hit clubs don't face similar problems.
Edward Francis, Langport, Somerset
● **NICE idea, but there's no such thing as a 'rich' football club anymore. Liverpool made a loss last season!**

I AM sick and tired of people claiming that Arsenal played boring, defensive football last season.

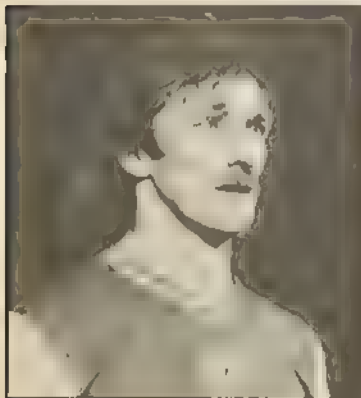
The 'Gunners' created lots of chances last term but had no-one to put them away

Now we have Tony Woodcock, Arsenal can look forward to turning these opportunities into goals.

I should know. I was a regular on the terraces at Highbury last season

James Petrie, Thamesmead, London

● **YOU have my sympathies.**



Des Bremner — "always gives 110 per cent," says Rachael Ward.

MAY I pay tribute to two of Britain's best midfield players, — Aston Villa pair Gordon Cowans and Des Bremner.

Although he admitted that he didn't play consistently well when Villa won the Championship, Gordon hardly put a foot wrong last season.

There is no doubt that he was the main reason for Villa lifting the European Cup

His Scottish club-mate Bremner has hardly missed a game since his transfer from Hibernian in 1979 and, like Gordon, always gives 110 per cent.

Both players fully deserve the Championship and European Cup medals they have won in the past two seasons.

Rachael Ward, Bournville, Birmingham.

I AM appalled that Ian Greaves has been sacked as manager of Wolves. He hasn't been given time to prove himself

In my opinion, the decision to replace Greaves by the new Wolves management was totally unfair.

Damien Mackinney, Aspley, Nottingham.

● **SINCE when have directors been fair on managers? Or managers fair on directors, for that matter? Didn't Mr Greaves**

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Power to the people!

THE World Cup Finals may be over, but what fun we had in Malaysia while it lasted!

There was a national uproar when we football fans discovered that, due to a shortage of funds, Malaysian TV would be unable to show a majority of Second Round matches.

So a donation drive — "The People's Live Telecast Fund" — was born and, over eleven days, donations poured in from all over the country.

Thanks to this wonderful national effort, we were able to watch Second Round matches, the Semi-Finals, Third Place Play-Off and the Final — all at the two in the morning!

And it was smashing to see the words "sponsored by the people of Malaysia" appear on the credits.

What's more, so much money was collected that we were able to see the Europe v Rest of the World match from New York as a bonus.

Melinda Abas, Malaysia.

● **Super effort! Here's a tanner towards the next World Cup!**

quit Oxford just after the board had secured the club's previously unstable financial future?

SHAME on you 'Match' for awarding the £10 star letter to a person who wrote in supporting the rebel football tour of South Africa.

Can't he see that the only way to rid the world of the evil of apartheid is to cut all links with South Africa?

Don't give me all that rubbish that sport shouldn't be involved with politics. Surely, spreading the gospel of football is less important than achieving racial harmony.

R King, Widnes, Cheshire.

● **OUR star letter writer argued, quite rightly, that while other links with South Africa continued, British sportsmen were being condemned for their part in the tour. He made out a very good case against double standards. You haven't.**



Michael Beech of Wednesfield believes young goalkeepers like Manchester United's Gary Bailey should be given an England chance.

WHY does England persist with goalkeeping granddads Ray Clemence and Peter Shilton?

It's about time England brought in younger 'keepers like Gary Bailey of Manchester United and John Lukic of Leeds.

Clemence makes too many mistakes. He made two shockers in last season's Charity Shield and even I would be ashamed of the howler he made in the

European Cup Winners Cup Semi-Final with Barcelona.

Let's have some younger men in goal.

Michael Beech, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton.

● **WHEN 40-year-old Dino Zoff can come out of the 'old folks' home and lift the World Cup, then England ought to stick with their more senior citizens.**

HERE'S a football 'top ten' from two Welwyn readers.

- 1 Now those days are gone — Pele.
 - 2 Take a chance on me — Norman Whiteside to Man. United
 - 3 I go to sleep — Crewe fans.
 - 4 One of us — Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence to Ron Greenwood
 - 5 Take a train — Jupp Derwall, the West Germany manager after defeat by Algeria.
 - 6 Fame — Italian football team
 - 7 Say hello, wave goodbye — Osvaldo Ardiles.
 - 8 Abracadabra — Paolo Rossi.
 - 9 A night to remember — Northern Ireland 1, Spain 0.
 - 10 Down — Middlesbrough.
- Adam Trigg and Peter Wise, Welwyn, Herts.

NORMAN Whiteside is, undoubtedly, a brilliant prospect but I don't think he'll stay at Old Trafford

Manchester United have some very good players and Norman will find it very difficult to get a regular first team place.

He will be kept out by the likes of Frank Stapleton, Garry Birtles, Peter Bodak and Arnold Muhren and that will mean he'll be back in the reserves.

So I believe that by the end of the season, he will be scoring goals for another First Division team.

But I also believe that by the end of the season, United will be League Champions.

Philip Powell, Hanworth, Middlesex

I WOULD just like to say how sad I was to see such a great manager as Ron Greenwood

retire

Despite much criticism, Ron battled on and stood up for his players. His record shows how successful he was. He earned the respect of the players and I'm sure he will be greatly missed.

The best of luck to Ron in whatever he decides to do now, and good luck to Bobby Robson in his new role as England manager.

Mandy Wright, Harrow, Middlesex.

THE North East is going to have to wait a lot longer before the area's football fans have anything to cheer about.

The outlook is bleak. Only Sunderland are now in the First Division and although they've got a good young side it's difficult to see them achieving anything.

Middlesbrough are the saddest example of the North East decline. In the 1979-80 season they looked to be on the brink of big things and had such star names as David Armstrong, Craig Johnston and Mark Proctor in their side

But they let their top players go and have paid the price . . . relegation.

Even though Newcastle flirted with promotion last season I can't see them challenging seriously this season.

All in all we face another bleak season up here.

Stuart Holt, Seaham Harbour, County Durham.



The departure of players like David Armstrong to Southampton is the reason for Middlesbrough's decline, according to Stuart Holt of Seaham.

IT'S about time England winger Steve Coppell was given more praise.

He is an outstanding player who gives 100 per cent in every match.

People are always heaping praise on Trevor Francis and Bryan Robson. They are great players but Francis is inconsistent and Robson needs someone like Coppell to enable him to produce his magic.

Every time he pulls on an England or Manchester United shirt, he plays with total commitment.

He is a great ambassador for football and gets my vote as the 'Footballer of the Year' every year.

Sharon Prior, Haslemere, Surrey.

● **We couldn't agree more Sharon . . . and he writes for the best football magazine!**

STAR CHALLENGE

GREAT NEW FEATURE! WIN A SUPER SOCCER SOUVENIR

HERE'S your chance to challenge one of your favourite team's star players in a fun-packed feature specially adapted for the start of the new season.

And you could win a unique certificate together with a personally autographed photograph of the star in question!

The name of the game is forecasting football results and that's something every football fan loves to do.

Each week, we'll be selecting ten matches and one lucky reader will get the chance to see his predictions in print — alongside those of a famous player.

Points will be awarded depending on the accuracy of the forecasts and any reader who manages to beat his star opponent will be awarded a special Match Weekly 'Star Challenge' certificate to mark his or her achievement.

EVERY reader lucky enough to tackle a star will receive a signed photograph — win or lose.

So, on with the first exciting challenge of the new season... ten-year-old West Ham fan Robert Townsley of Dagenham, Essex, versus 'Hammers' England international midfielder Trevor Brooking.

You can see their predictions in the special panel and when the results come through on Saturday afternoon you'll be able to find out who won.

There's a special column for you to fill in your forecasts too, so just for fun, you can try and beat both Robert and Trevor.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge' all you have to do is write in enclosing your name, age, address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and most importantly your home telephone number.

All the entries we receive will be kept in a special file and each week one lucky reader will be picked out to compete in the magazine.

If your name is picked out, someone from the 'Match Weekly' office will telephone you with the ten selected matches and ask for your predictions over the phone.

So get your entries in NOW and don't forget to state your favourite team and favourite players.

Write to: 'Star Challenge', Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.



This week West Ham and England star Trevor Brooking (above) is challenged by Match reader Robert Townsley (inset).

THIS
WEEK'S
STAR
GUEST

TREVOR BROOKING

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for

the actual result.

Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

Match	Reader's forecast	Star's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Aston Villa v Sunderland	3-1	1-0		
Brighton v Ipswich	0-2	1-1		
Coventry v Southampton	1-1	1-1		
Liverpool v West Brom	2-1	2-0		
Man. Utd v Birmingham	1-0	2-0		
Norwich v Man. City	1-0	2-1		
Notts County v Swansea	0-2	1-2		
Stoke v Arsenal	0-0	1-2		
Tottenham v Luton	1-2	2-1		
Watford v Everton	2-1	2-1		

FIXTURES

Saturday, August 28

DIVISION ONE

Aston Villa v Sunderland
Brighton v Ipswich
Coventry v Southampton
Liverpool v West Brom
Man. Utd. v Birmingham
Norwich v Man. City
Notts County v Swansea

Stoke v Arsenal
Tottenham v Luton
Watford v Everton
West Ham v Nott'm Forest

DIVISION TWO

Burnley v Bolton
Cambridge v Chelsea
C. Palace v Barnsley
Derby v Carlisle
Fulham v Rotherham
Grimshy v Leeds
Leicester v Charlton
Newcastle v Q.P.R.
Oidham v Shrewsbury
Sheff Wed v Middlesbrough
Wolves v Blackburn

DIVISION THREE

Bournemouth v Walsall
Bradford v Reading
Brentford v Bristol R
Cardiff v Wrexham
Chesterfield v Orient
Doncaster v Newport
Gillingham v Oxford
Huddersfield v Exeter
Lincoln v Wigan
Plymouth v Southend
Portsmouth v Sheff Utd
Preston v Millwall

DIVISION FOUR

Aldershot v Tranmere
Bristol City v Hull
Bury v Hereford
Chester v Crewe
Colchester v Halifax
Darlington v Rochdale
Mansfield v Blackpool
Stockport v Peterborough
Swindon v Port Vale
Wimbledon v Northampton
York v Torquay

Tuesday, August 31

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Norwich
Birmingham v Liverpool
Everton v Aston Villa
Ipswich v Tottenham
Luton v West Ham
Southampton v Watford
Swansea v Coventry

DIVISION TWO

Q.P.R. v Cambridge
Chelsea v Wolves
Rotherham v Leicester
Wednesday v Notts Co
Man. City v Stoke
Nott'm Forest v Man. Utd
Sunderland v Notts Co
West Brom v Brighton

DIVISION TWO

Blackburn v Newcastle
Friday, September 3
DIVISION FOUR
Crewe v Darlington
Halifax v Mansfield



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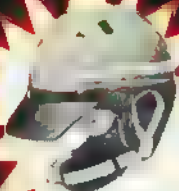
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THE PAUL MARINER COLUMN

Stay on the ball with the Ipswich and England centre forward throughout the coming season by reading his exclusive column every fortnight. It's only in *Match*.

United - our biggest challenge!

ON THE eve of the new season the mood at Ipswich is a mixture of excitement and apprehension.

We're excited because the campaign gives us yet another crack at the League title — we've been runners-up for the last two years — and apprehensive because we'll be without manager Bobby Robson and Dutch midfield star Arnold Muhren.

The duo played a major part in the club's recent success, but I believe we're still capable of making a serious challenge for the Championship.

We may have lost our figurehead in the shape of Bobby Robson, but the staff and players at Portman Road are still the same — minus Arnold of course.

And we haven't had to suffer the upheaval of a new manager coming in. The club have gone for continuity and appointed Bobby Ferguson, who's been coaching us for a couple of years.

Our preparation for the new season hasn't been the type that the new manager would want. It's been a bit stop-start because of injuries and the World Cup.

But I believe we're beginning to knit ourselves into a force just in time for the new season.

We've had our injury problems in the build-up. I had to fly home from a tour of Florida with a knee injury, while John Wark had to undergo a knee operation and full-back George Burley has also been sidelined.

But at the time of writing all those problems looked to have cleared up and we entered a friendly at Portsmouth with a full strength side.

My own injury turned out to be nothing to worry about. I suffered a knock in our 3-1 win over Tampa Bay Rowdies and the management took the precautionary measure of sending me home early.



Looking at the season ahead, Manchester United and Liverpool look as though they'll provide us with our stiffest challenge in the race for the First Division Championship.

On paper United have an excellent squad and in my opinion the best midfield combination in Europe. Along with my old team-mate Arnold Muhren they've got the English midfield of Ray Wilkins, Bryan Robson and Steve Coppell in their ranks.

Liverpool can never be discounted. Their players are so used to winning trophies and you never lose that appetite for success.

I've got a sneaking suspicion that Arsenal could provide a strong challenge. I've always been an admirer of Tony Woodcock and I feel his skills could shoot Arsenal back to the top.

He's the sort of player who can score goals from anywhere and with the likes of Lee Chapman

and Alan Sunderland alongside him, 'The Gunners' will take some stopping.

Nottingham Forest are my outside fancy to do something. They impressed me very much at Portman Road when they beat us 3-1 at the end of last season.

They fielded a young side that day and knowing the qualities and standards of manager Brian Clough he'll be determined to bring the best out of them.

But losing Peter Shilton was quite a blow. I know that there were a few lads at Ipswich who didn't like facing the England keeper.

Without doubt he's the best in the world and his very presence puts strikers out of their stride.

Southampton manager Lawrie McMenemy pulled off one of the transfer coups of the season when he splashed out £350,000 to take Peter to The Dell.

The only regret is that Southampton couldn't keep hold of Kevin Keegan. With the England skipper and

My England team-mate Peter Shilton. His move to Southampton will be a blow to Forest.

goalkeeper in the same side I'd have fancied Southampton to have challenged this season.

Kevin's decision to join Newcastle — surprising though it was — is typical of the man. He never does anything by halves and isn't scared of a challenge.

What a tremendous boost his signing will be to the Second Division and the football-depressed area of the North-East. He'll revive a lot of memories of great days gone by.

I wish my England team-mate all the best as he embarks on his latest exciting adventure. I'm sure he'll make a success of it.

● Paul Mariner was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

The top names in football write for *Match* because it's the top magazine.





Italy's Bruno Conti (right) in action against Argentina's Osvaldo Ardiles — he's a marvellous player, says Real Madrid manager Alfredo Di Stefano.

SOCCER legend Alfredo Di Stefano, the new manager of Real Madrid, is aiming to revive the glorious and victorious days of his playing

He had the perfect chance to study potential signings when he worked as a special reporter for a Spanish newspaper during the World Cup Finals.

And he has his eyes on a few world class players...

"The Italian Bruno Conti is a marvellous player," says Di Stefano. "He has tremendous speed, strength and technique.

"But there are three others I liked a lot too — Passarella of Argentina, Scirea of Italy and Amaros of France.

"If I had the chance, I would like them all to join up with me at Real Madrid."

While Di Stefano knows that back in Madrid he has a galaxy of stars from which to choose, he reckons he has only four true attackers — Juanito, Santillana, Pineda and Ito (excluding Laurie

CONTI IS A REAL TEMPTATION!

Cunningham) — and needs to buy more.

"I hope none of them get injured because then we'd be in trouble. The thing is that the rest of my squad is almost entirely made up of defenders.

"And I know the pressure of

taking Madrid into a League season and into Europe.

"Remember, I have done it. Real have to win 98 per cent of their games and if they do then it's OK. But if they lose just one, it becomes time for a revolution!"

BEARZOT'S NEW CONTRACT

ITALY'S victory in the World Cup has landed manager Enzo Bearzot a new contract which will take him up to the end of the European Championships in 1984.

And the pipe-smoking boss says: "I hope the Italian Press will be a little more patient this time."

Bearzot was the butt of

criticism before and during the First Round of the Finals in Spain, but since the Italian victory he has been transformed into a saviour and star.

He admits: "During the First Round in Vigo, I felt a lot of the criticism personally.

"The unjust aggression of the Press got to me. I felt humiliated.

"In the previous World Cup in

Argentina, we had a fine First Round and a poor Second Round in which we went out.

"This time, I did not want the physical side of our game to diminish so I built the players up as we went along and it worked.

"Now I have a contract until October 1984 and we are going to have a go at the European Championship."

INTERNATIONAL HOT LINE

... the page that will keep you up-to-date with all the important happenings on the international scene throughout the coming season.

Europe win

THE strength of the Juventus side was aptly illustrated in New York when the club supplied five of the European select team for the special FIFA charity game against the 'rest of the world'. Their line-up of stars included Boniek, Platini, Tardelli, Zoff and Rossi.

England's Kevin Keegan was among the substitutes and came on to score as the European side won 3-2.

Busy Menotti

AFTER upsetting European journalists with his haughty behaviour during Argentina's flop in the World Cup Finals, manager Cesar Menotti has been doing much the same back home in Buenos Aires.

He has been refusing interviews because he is "too busy".

He is trying to finish his report on what went wrong in Spain — looking for excuses apart from bad luck for Argentina's run of three defeats in five matches.

IT'S the start of a great new season and, to celebrate the big kick-off, artist Barry Gurbutt has drawn some of the players sure to hit the headlines (see pictures opposite)

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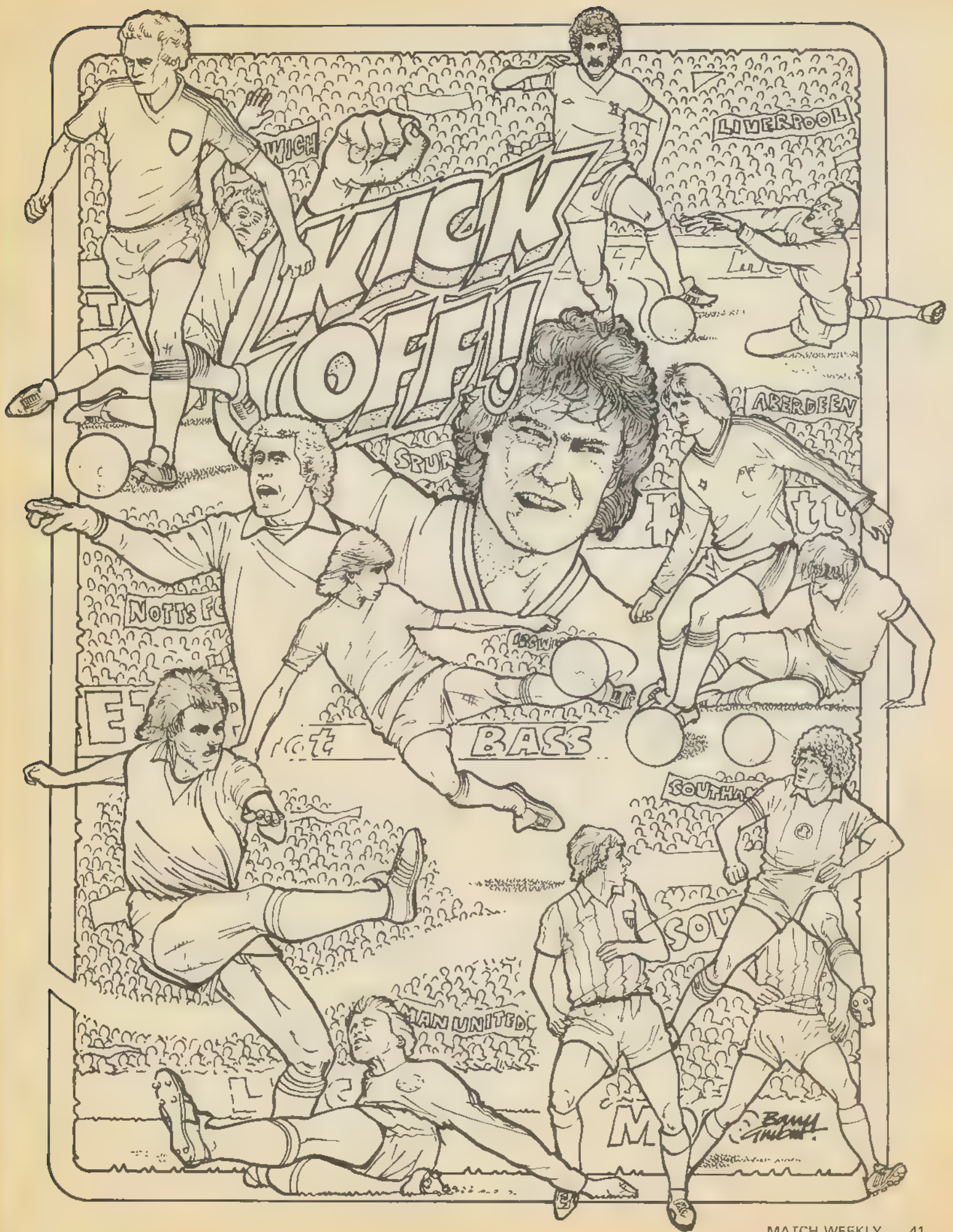
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The entries will be judged by a panel of 'Match Weekly' experts. The Editor's decision will be final. Have fun!



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LEE CHAPMAN this week eagerly awaited the big kick off convinced his "dream move" to Arsenal can unlock the door to success.

The new 'Gunner' told Match Weekly: "Arsenal are one of the greatest clubs in the country. They demand success and I think there is every chance of winning a trophy this season."

Indeed, it was the emotions of a 22-year-old striker's desire to win something in the game which finally led to him leaving his home town club for the big city.

And ironically he takes his first step towards that goal back at the Victoria Ground!

Arsenal travel to play Stoke on opening day and, providing he plays, Lee would love to open his account for his new club against his former team mates.

But the England Under-21 international has no bad feelings towards his former club even though he really isn't under anything of a cloud.

Because he refused to sign a new contract to keep his options open, Lee along with Eric McManus and Alan Dodd, wasn't allowed to train with the rest of the Stoke squad.

But he says: "That's all behind me now. I don't wish Stoke any misfortune and I hope they do well this season but the club probably needs to make a few new signings to strengthen the side."

"If they could have held on to their best players Stoke could have had a really good side by now and I think deep down a number of the players who have left would have liked to have stayed."

"But every player is looking to win things in the game and sometimes it means moving to a more successful club."

Last season at Stoke we started off well but in the end we just escaped relegation."

I scored 15 goals as I did the season before. I wasn't too pleased with my season overall but it's not easy for any player in a struggling team."

Honours

It looked odds-on that Lee would leave Stoke before the beginning of last season, but while there was talk of Manchester City and Birmingham being interested only Sunderland came in with a firm bid.

Lee didn't feel he would be bettering himself by joining the Rocket Park club and so decided to sign a new one-year contract, but he told Match Weekly at the time:

"If we're not pushing for honours this season then I shall be in the same position next summer — hoping that a big club will sign me."

Lee was having talks with West Brom this close season when Arsenal stepped in. Three days later he was on his way to north London.

"It's a tremendous move for me because Arsenal have always been one of my favourite clubs. I was a big Arsenal fan as a boy before I started supporting my local side Stoke."

"They have some great players and while I've got no guarantees of a first team place I'm looking forward to the chance of getting a good partnership going with Tony Woodcock."

"I've always admired Tony as a player and I'm sure we could hit it off. Tony played with a big target man in Peter Withe at Nottingham Forest and it came off well then."

"Apart from Tony you've got Alan Sunderland, Graham Hughes — you could go right through the side naming good players."

"The Arsenal stadium is one of the best in the country and I'm hoping I can play my part in helping pack the fans in this season."

Manchester United were also interested in Lee's services. They made their move after

Why I chose Arsenal'

— Lee Chapman

Stoke boss Richie Barker had given Arsenal permission to talk to the young star.

But while he signed for Arsenal unaware of the interest from Old Trafford he declares:

"I'm very flattered to think United were interested but my mind was already made up."

Arsenal came under heavy fire last season for their lack of firepower up front, but the Highbury faithful have new hope that things will be different this term following the signings of England international Tony Woodcock from Cologne and now Lee.

The pressure will be on the two newcomers but Lee says:

"There's always pressure on me to score goals because that's my job. I expect myself to score and it's always my aim to hit the net in every game I play."

Lee made his debut for the club during a close season tour of Egypt. He wasn't too impressed with the country or the playing conditions but he was happy with the game itself.

"Considering it was my first game for Arsenal I felt I fitted in quite well. We played some really good football in the first half although the bone hard pitch got to our legs a bit in the second half."

Arsenal's style is to play the ball to the feet a lot more than I was used to at Stoke but I'm hoping to get on the end of a few crosses too this coming season."

Lee is hopeful that the move to Arsenal will provide a stepping stone to greater things on the international front.

He has quickly developed into one of the country's brightest young prospects but as yet has only one Under-21 cap to his credit. That was against Eire back in February 1981.

"Obviously I'm ambitious to one day get a full cap and it's up to me now to start producing the goods for Arsenal."



Lee Chapman — "I'm very flattered to think Manchester United were interested but my mind was already made up to join Arsenal."

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SCOTTISH League Cup Section Two

MORTON (1) 2 (Hutchison 21, Ritchie, pen 84)
ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Strachan, pen 12, McGhee 52)
Att 3 000

Saturday, Aug. 14

Football League Trophy

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Dawtry, pen Speckman)
ALDRSHOT (1) 2 (Sanford, McDonald)
Att 2 412

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Campbell)
HALIFAX (0) 0
Att 2 420

BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Joseph, Roberts)
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 2 (Edwards, Brookes)
Att 3 397

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Henson)
CHESTER (0) 1 (Sloan)
Att 1 149

EXETER 2
BRISTOL CITY 1

HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Lawrence)
HULL (2) 2 (Whitehurst, Marwood)
Att 962

MILLWALL (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Evans)
Att 2 832

NEWPORT (0) 0
TORQUAY (1) 1 (Gallacher)
Att 1 501

NORWICH (1) 3 (Jack, Watson, Deehan)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Att 1 801

PETERBOROUGH (2) 4 (Linton, Chard, Benjamin 2)
MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Bird)
Att 1 873

READING (0) 2 (Beavon, pen, Bason)
OXFORD (1) 1 (Hebbard, pen)
Att 1 801

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Hunter)
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Cunningham)
Att 1 022

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Kenworthy, pen)
GRIMSBY (1) 3 (Drake 13)
Att 5 381

WATFORD (2) 4 (Jenkins 2, Terry, Giffen)
ORIENT (0) 1 (Rice, og)
Att 4 063

SCOTTISH League Cup Section One

ARBROATH (1) 1 (Hill 42)
ALLOA (1) 2 (Monroe 35, Gray 87)
Att 685

CELTIC (1) 6 (Reid, pen 34, McGarvey 53, McCuskey 58, 61, Provan 77, 87)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
Att 14 500

Section Two

ABERDEEN (2) 3 (Black 30, 44, 85)
DUNDEE (1) 3 (Ferguson 43, 60, Stephen 80)
Att 9 000

DUMBARTON (0) 3 (Ritchie 71, Hutchison 72, McNeill 89)
Att 850

Section Three

AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Flood 58)
CLYDEBANK (2) 3 (Williamson 32, Coyne 37, 64)
Att 1 200

HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (Ree 45)
RANGERS (1) 1 (MacDonald 19)
Att 15 980

Section Four

DUNDEE UNITED (3) 3 (Kirkwood 21, Dods 22, Sturrock 36)
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
Att 7 001

RAITH ROVERS (0) 0
FALKIRK (0) 0
Att 1 000

Section Five

FORFAR (1) 2 (Allan 44, Alexander 75)
CLYDE (0) 0
Att 899

MOTHERWELL (1) 2 (Coyne 24, Conn 48)
HEARTS (0) 1 (O'Connor 53)
Att 5 105

Section Six

STIRLING ALBION (1) 2 (Coiquhoun, pen 25, Dawson 87)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
Att 550

ST MIRREN (2) 3 (Richardson 19, 41, 86)
AYR (1) 1 (McNally 32)
Att 3 462

Section Seven

FAST FIFE (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 0
Att 420

FAST STIRLING (0) 0
PARTICK THISTLE (4) 4 (Johnston 8, 41, Kenny 19, Watson 31)
Att 800

Section Eight

KILMARNOCK (2) 4 (McCann, og 9, McLean, pen 11, Clarke 60, Mauchlan 72)
BERWICK RANGERS (0) 0
Att 1 500

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 (Gilmour 65)
HAMILTON (1) 1 (McDowall 34)
Att 785

Section Nine

ALBION ROVERS (1) 2 (Burgess 39, Evans 87)
STRANRAER (1) 2 (Doonan 4, Hay, pen 54)
Att 250

COWDENBEATH (0) 0
MONTROSE (0) 1 (Nico 77)
Att 300

STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 1 (Erwin 40)
MEADOWBANK (0) 1 (Spratt 62)
Att 200

Monday, Aug. 16

Football League Trophy

MANSFIELD (1) 1 (Ayre 33)
NORTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Syrett, Massey)
Att 1 485

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Phillips)
ORIENT (1) 1 (Taylor)
Att 2 069

Tuesday, Aug. 17

Cup Winners Cup Preliminary Round, First Leg

SWANSEA (1) 3 (Charles 42, 78, Cardoso, og 62)
BRAGA (0) 0
Att 10 614

Football League Trophy

ALDRSHOT (1) 1 (McDonald 40)
OXFORD (1) 3 (Foley 2, Thomas)
Att 1 191

BRISTOL CITY (0) 1 (Ritchie)
TORQUAY (0) 0
Att 1 421

CHESTERFIELD (1) 1 (Walker)
SHREWSBURY (0) 0
Att 1 177

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 1 (Edwards)
WIMBLEDON (0) 0

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Davison)
HULL (0) 0
Att 1 323

MILLWALL (0) 3 (Neal, Hayes, Aylott)
BRENTFORD (0) 0
Att 2 105

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
Att 1 874

WATFORD (0) 2 (Blissett, Jenkins)
COLCHESTER (0) 1

Wednesday, Aug. 18

Cup Winners Cup Preliminary Round, First Leg

ABERDEEN (4) 7 (Black 2, Strachan 21, Hewitt 22, 5, mpson 34, Balet, og 54, McGhee 60, Kennedy 80)
FC SION (0) 0
Att 15 000

Football League Trophy

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
BRADFORD (1) 4 (Campbell 2, Watson, Gray)
Att 655

NEWPORT (4) 5 (Barry 2, Elsey, Gwyther, Tynan)
EXETER (1) 1 (Howarth)
Att 1 084

LINCOLN (1) 2 (Cockerill, Thompson)
GRIMSBY (0) 1 (Drinkell)
Att 1 430

NORWICH (1) 6 (Jack 3, Deehan, O'Neil, Downs)
PETERBOROUGH (2) 2 (Cooke, Benjamin)
Att 1 901

READING (2) 4 (Don 2, Beavon, pen, Donegan)
BOURNEMOUTH (2) 2 (Graham, Dawtry)
Att 1 136

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Griffiths, Kerr)
CHESTER (0) 1 (Simpson)
Att 1 143

SCOTTISH League Cup Section One

ALLOA (0) 0
CELTIC (4) 6 (McCuskey 28, McGrain 34, McStay 40, Reid, pen 54, Burns 60)
Att 4 374

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
ARBROATH (0) 0
Att 1 500

Section Two

DUNDEE (1) 3 (Ferguson 11, Mackie 49)
DUMBARTON (0) 2 (Donnelly, pen 48, pen 82)
Att 3 174

Section Three

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
HIBERNIAN (1) 2 (Murray 35, Rae 89)
Att 1 414

RANGERS (0) 3 (Bert 53, Paterson 67, Black 82)
AIRDRIE (0) 1 (Flood 80)
Att 9 500

Section Four

FALKIRK (0) 0
DUNDEE UNITED (2) 4 (Narey 21, Sturrock 22, Malpas 48, Milne 50)
Att 2 500

ST JOHNSTONE (2) 6 (Addison 2, Brogan 38, 55, 75, Morton 81)
RAITH ROVERS (0) 0
Att 1 632

Section Five

CLYDE (3) 3 (Riley 13, O'Neill 27, Flexney 39)
MOTHERWELL (1) 3 (Conn 11, McClair 80, McClelland 85)
Att 3 000

HEARTS (1) 2 (O'Connor 4, 61)
FORFAR (0) 1 (Porter 51)
Att 4 500

Section Six

AYR (0) 0
STIRLING ALBION (0) 0
Att 1 047

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
ST MIRREN (0) 1 (McDougal 55)
Att 1 200

Section Seven

BRECHIN (1) 4 (Campbell, pen 20, MacKay 57, Paterson 65, Mill 68, 80)
EAST STIRLING (0) 0
Att 300

PARTICK THISTLE (0) 0
EAST FIFE (0) 0
Att 2 000

Section Eight

BERWICK (1) 1 (Lawson 10)
QUEEN'S PARK (0) 0
Att 595

HAMILTON (0) 0
KILMARNOCK (0) 0
Att 1 045

Section Nine

MEADOWBANK (0) 3 (Spratt 63, Johnson 88, Boyd 76)
ALBION ROVERS (2) 2 (Evans 21, Dow 34)
Att 250

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 2 (Murray 82, Buchanan 89)
MONTROSE (1) 2 (Taylor 19, Cooper 79)
Att 450

STRANRAER (1) 1 (Doonan 7)
COWDENBEATH (2) 3 (Liddle 9, McIntosh 39, Marshall 65)

**THE rest of the Football
League Trophy and
Scottish League Cup
results will appear in
next week's issue.**

Saturday, Aug. 21

FA Charity Shield

LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Rush 33)
TOTTENHAM (0) 0
Att 82 500
(At Wembley)
Liverpool, ★GROBBELAAR 8, Neal 7, Kennedy 7, Thompson 7, Lawrenson 6, Hansen 7, Delgash 6 (sub Hodgson), Lee 6, Rush 6, Whelan 6, Souness 7
Spurs, Clemence 7 ★HUGHTON 8, Miller 6, O'Reilly 6 (sub Perryman 6), Hazard 6 (sub Falco), Lucy 7, Mabbitt 6, Archibald 6
Galvin 6, Hodge 7, Crooks 6
Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating ★★

MATCH WINNERS

The twelve lucky winners of the 'Spot the Difference' competition which appeared in the August 7 issue of 'MATCH' each receive a super soccer record featuring football funny man Bob 'The Cat' Bevan.

They are: Darren Harris, Wythall, Birmingham; Steven Taviner, South Shields, Tyne and Wear; Clive Popple, Hanham, Bristol; Keith Clark, Bournemouth, Dorset; Timothy Hare, Darlington, Co. Durham; Ian Brown, South Reddish, Cheshire; Mark Manley, Whitefield, Manchester; Mick Doherty, Archway, London; Christopher McGlynn, Huddersden, Lancs; Paul Saunders, Hazlemere, Bucks; C. Buckman, Billericay, Essex; and Nigel Cooper, North Harrow, Middlesex.

PETER RHOADES-BROWN

THE GOAL OF MY LIFE



**CHELSEA 2
LIVERPOOL 0**
FA Cup Fifth Round,
Stamford Bridge,
Saturday, Feb. 13, 1982.

BREATHTAKING! That was the only way to describe this Peter Rhoades-Brown effort which set up the Cup shock of the season.

Admits the raiding Chelsea forward: "For about fifteen minutes afterwards I could hardly breathe."

The emotion-charged atmosphere of a packed Stamford Bridge was ignited after just eight minutes — two rather fortunate touches of the ball on the halfway line opening the Liverpool defence to set Peter scampering towards goal.

"I managed to stick in a toe while Terry McDermott was in possession on the halfway line," recalls Peter who had scored only one previous senior goal for the London side.

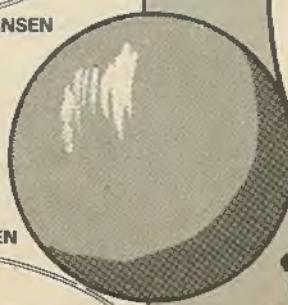
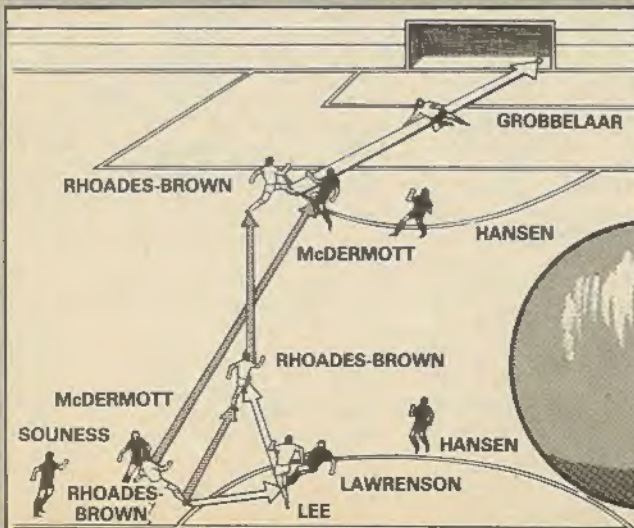
"Colin Lee managed to get a touch of the ball as Mark Lawrenson challenged and it left me clear."

"Bruce Grobbelaar in the Liverpool goal came off his line but came too far to the right and left a gap in the corner which I found."

Colin Lee sealed Liverpool's fate six minutes from the end to put Chelsea within two matches of Wembley.



DESPITE THE ATTENTIONS OF McDERMOTT, PETER BLASTS CHELSEA'S FIRST AGAINST MIGHTY LIVERPOOL



STEVE
McGARRY

MILK CUP, FIRST ROUND PREVIEW... MILK CUP

SHEFFIELD United hot-shot Keith Edwards enters the Milk Cup fray against his old club Hull determined to end a six-year hoodoo.

Since turning professional Keith has never got further than the First Round of the League Cup. And he's hoping that a change of trophy will bring a change of luck.

"I haven't done very well in either knock-out competition, but the old League Cup was the worst. I can't ever remember being on a winning side.

"I'm hoping that I can end that jinx this season against my old team-mates," says Keith, who joined the Fourth Division Champions for £90,000 last year.

"It will be great to meet up with my old friends again. I'm really looking forward to the two games.

"I don't think I've got anything to prove to the club. They know what I can do," adds Keith, who finished last season as the League's top scorer with 36 goals.

"We must start out as favourites to win through to the next round because we're at home first and we're in the Third Division while Hull are in the Fourth.

"But I know it won't be easy. Hull are a very competitive side and we won't underestimate them."

Keith played against his old club in the Fourth Division at Bramhall Lane last season when the two sides fought out a 0-0 draw.

"Both teams were unlucky not to score. I hit the post for United and Billy Whitehurst did likewise for Hull.

"Funnily enough after I left Hull last season their results seemed to pick up. Towards the end of the campaign they looked a more organised set up.

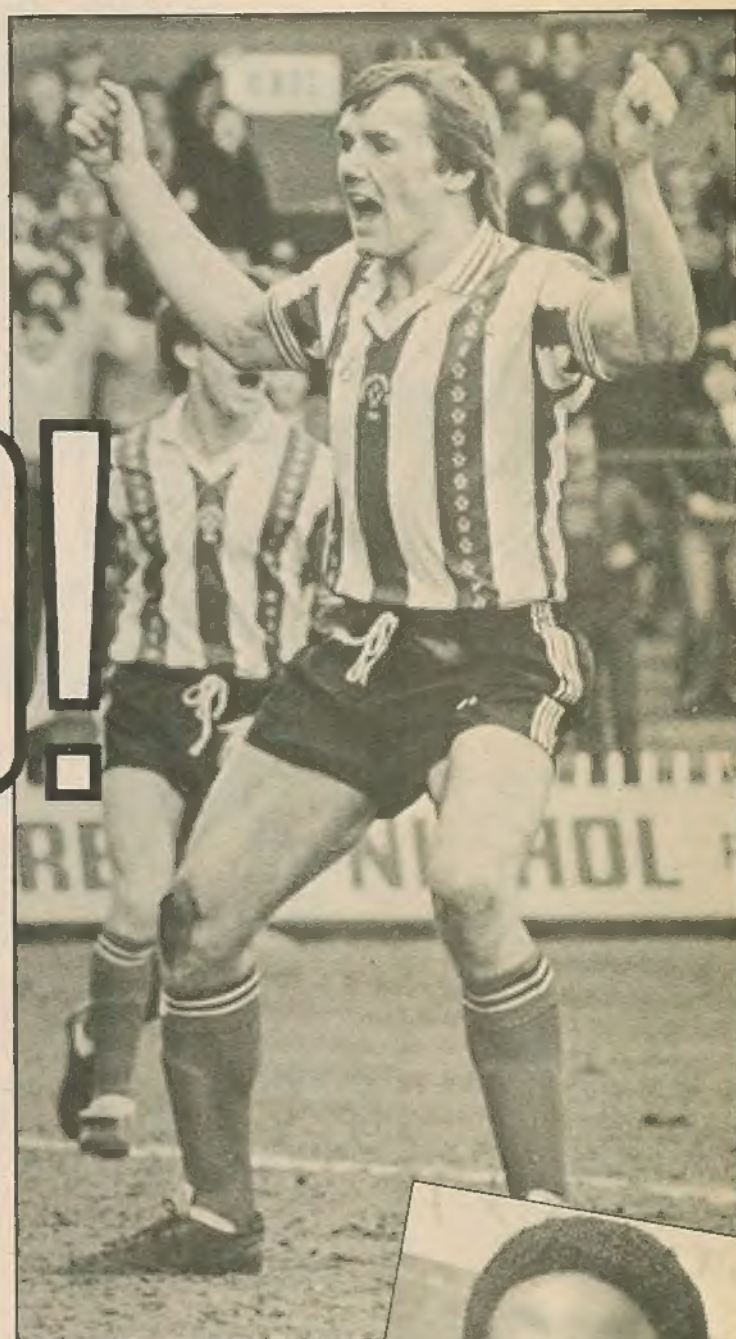
"I've always rated their young midfielder Gareth Roberts as one of the best players in the lower divisions, and striker Les Mutrie can always be called upon to pop in a few goals.

"But I'm confident we can

FIRST ROUND PREVIEW

Dreams of Wembley fill the heads of players next week when 56 teams battle it out in the First Round, first leg of the Milk Cup — formerly known as the League Cup.

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But Keith hopes a change of trophy will bring a change of luck

win through to the next round even though our pre-season results haven't been that encouraging due to the fact we've been getting used to the new signings. Obviously it takes time to settle to a new club."

Sheffield United's biggest coup was the signing of former Wednesday favourite Terry Curran for £100,000 and Keith believes it will take the tricky striker more time to settle in than the rest of the newcomers.

"There's a lot more pressure on Terry because so much is expected of him. I don't think we'll see him at his best for a couple of weeks yet.

"He could start to reach his peak when the Second Round draw is made for the Milk Cup!"

Another player who returns to his old club in the Milk Cup is Brentford striker Francis Joseph, who moved from Wimbledon for £40,000 in the close season.

"I'm really relishing a return to Plough Lane. It will be nice to see the old place again.

"There's a fair bit of rivalry between the two clubs so that adds a little more spice to the encounter," says Francis, who

finished last season as 'The Dons' top scorer in the League with 13 goals.

Above: Keith Edwards: "I can't ever remember being on the winning side in the League Cup."

Right: Francis Joseph — faces his former team-mates in the First Round.



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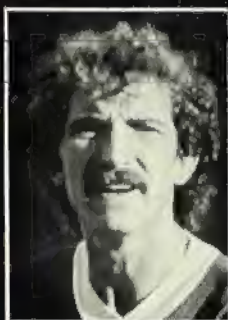


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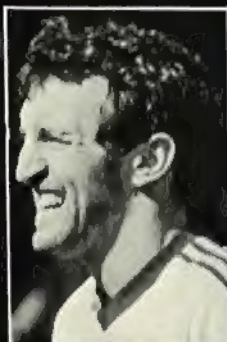
Left: Rangers' sharpshooter **Ian Redford**

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FULL NAME: Philip Parkes.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Sedgley, West Midlands/August 8, 1950.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft. 3ins./14 stone 10 lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Lavinia.
CHILDREN: Marie (8) and Scott (6).
CAR: Cortina.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Walsall and QPR.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Carpenter.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Eric'.
WORST EVERY INJURY: Cartilage operation in 1968.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: My West Ham team-mate Billy Bonds — he's got such inspirational qualities. He never knows when he's beaten.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Walsall.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: French centre-half Jean Tigana. He seems to be everywhere and he's not afraid to take people on.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Manchester United's 1968 European Cup winning side. Stepney, Brennan, Dunne, Crerand, Foulkes, Stiles, Best, Kidd, Charlton, Sadler, Aston.
BEST ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Brazil's 1970 World Cup winning side with Gordon Banks in goal. My team would be: Banks, Carlos Alberto, Brito, Piazza, Everaldo, Gerson, Clodoaldo, Jairzinho, Pele, Tostao, Rivelino.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Old Trafford.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Benfica's ground in Portugal. I made my full England debut there.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Against Leicester for QPR a few years ago. Unfortunately the referee disallowed it for offside!
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool).
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The first game on the way to our FA Cup win in 1980. We drew 1-1 with West Brom.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: The weekend we won the FA Cup.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing the League Cup Final to Liverpool, 1981.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Do-it-yourself. I converted a house into two flats a year ago.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Washing the car and gardening.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Documentaries.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Coronation Street and Crossroads.
FAVOURITE READING: Sherlock Holmes.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: My tastes are varied. Anything but jazz and opera.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Greek.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Wine and champagne.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Jamaica.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Peter Sellers/Felicity Kendall.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Empire Strikes Back.
BEST FRIEND: I have a few close friends.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My father.
WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: People who knock it.
SUPERSTITIONS: None now. I used to like going out last but Trevor Brooking does that at West Ham.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Boiled chicken.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: One full, one 'B', six Under-23 and one Under-21 England caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be happy and successful.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To go into the building trade and continue my mail order business.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: My team-mate Alan Devonshire — he'll reach his peak in about three years. I also rate QPR keeper Peter Hucker very highly.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Get another career behind you because football is so insecure.

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